

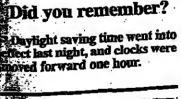
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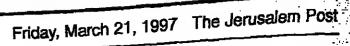
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# Mordechai over Dahaniya Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai observes Gaza's Dahaniya Airport from the air yesterday.

# **Peres:** Netanyahu proposal doomed

#### By SARAH HONIG

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Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres said yesterday that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's move to accelerate the peace process is doomed to failure.

Peres made the remark at a meeting of his party's central committee. It was clear from the discussions at the meeting that party leaders had been caught off guard by Netanyahu's initiative. They did not reject Netanyahu's suggestion, but did not endorse it either.

The subject was hurriedly placed at the top of the committee's agenda at the last minute, though the speakers spent most of their time addressing the possibility of a national unity government. Netanyahu's move is doomed

for bringing the peace process down, and it would do us good to

distinguish between the two." On the issue of a national unity government, Peres fended off critics who charged he is pushing to join the government to cement his hold on the party leadership.

Peres said Netanyahu did not approach him with an offer to join his coalition, but in an apparent slip of the tongue, he let on that "such an invitation will only come after the Bar-On affair is over." But leadership challenger MK Ebud Barak clearly did not like

Peres's remarks. In his address, he asked, "Why is a national unity government necessary? To help Bibi? To save him? A government of this sort ought not be rescued but it must be brought down.

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# Likud split on fast-track plan

#### By SARAH HONIG

Likud critics of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu were split last night on his move to speed up the final-status talks, with MK Ze'ev Begin rejecting the initiative and Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee chairman Uzi Landau welcoming it as "an admission that the Oslo process is dead."

Both Begin and Landau spoke at a gathering of Likud members last night attended by former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir and former defense minister Moshe Arens.

"What he is doing is replacing one dead-end route with another deadend route," Begin asserted.

Landau, however, perceived an advantage in Netanyahu's proposal. mostly because it spells the end of Oslo and admits that it is not a peace

One of the Knesset's most hawkish newcomers, the Likud's MK Ze'ev Re'em, said "the new approach would perhaps stop the salami process of cutting slices off Israel without giving anything in return, until Israel is strategically weak, Then, when there is nothing more Israel can pay, it will be attacked and will be very vulnerable."

(Defense Ministry)

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon told Army Radio yesterday that "Israel must decide what areas are essential for its defense in the final-status framework and we must make our decisions clear to the US and to the Palestinians, to prevent illusory expectations and friction.

Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan said he has no doubt that "talking now about the whole solution is bet-What's the point of us making concessions continuously if they will explode the whole process over Jerusalem and the return of the refugees? "It was incredibly stupid to have agreed 10 this in the first place. Nowhere in the world is there a process in which you gradually yield all your strategic advantage and arrive at the negotiating table with nothing."

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Palestinians skeptical of Netanyahu's offer

#### By JON SMONANUEL

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat may have rebuffed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's proposal for a fast track to a final settlement, but other Palestinians said yesterday they believed the idea worth exploring.

Members of the legislative council suggested to Arafat advisers that the idea ments more than a public dismissal, and so the chairman's initial rejection of it is prob-

ably not the last word. "Wc are not against accelerating the permanent status, but we must complete the interim agreement. If we can do both in six months that will be great," said Ahmed Qurie, the Palestinian Legislative council speaker and chief Oslo negotiator.

But to cancel the interim agreement is not acceptable, he said. The talks would have to run parallel, "including the issues of full withdrawal, refugees, and future relations," he said. But no leading Palestinians,

believe Ourie, including Netanyahu is serious, and until he proves otherwise they are assuming it is a trick.

"I don't think he is honest and I haven't yet seen a proposal," Quric

said. There is no personal communication between Netanyahu and Arafat, as Arafat is refusing to meet unless the plan to build on Har Homa is cancelled.

Arafat is publicly treating the proposal with such disdain that apart from dismissing "novcl statements" he did not refer to it during vesterday's session of the legislative council, which met in Gaza to reelect its principal officers.

Instead he lambasted Israeli construction on Har Homa and lashed out at Netanyahu as well. "Does he take me for a fool, does

he take us for drooling babes?" he exclaimed.

Council member Ziad Abu Amr, a political scientist, said that the general Palestinian impression is that Netanyahu has no real plan and is trying to patch up the dam-

#### age the recent decisions on Har Homa and redeployment have done to the peace process and Israel's image abroad. "If there had been a good track

record it may have been received in a different way. There is also a fear that if we lose the agreedupon terms of reference we will have no terms for the peace process. Netanyahu would have to be very explicit about the contents. of the plan and allow international

guarantors," Abu Amr said. Abu Amr did not seem to think Har Homa construction was a bar-Har Homa consultation was a on rier to moving forward on the talks, saying, "Netanyahu would have to say that Abu Ghneim [Har Homa] is the last settlement activ-ity until the end of permanent-status talks. If he declared a moratorium on any more settlement it

might help." Arafat adviser Nabil Abu Rudeineh also did not reject the Netanyahu proposal out of hand, but set conditions Netanyahu is unlikely to accept, such as "postponement" of Har Homa

negotiate without anything in our hands. The Arabs will have no incentive to reach agreement with us if

Beilin said he "had recommended that the final status not be deferred but faced head-on now. I consider

"Our paper specifies the parameters for Israel's

negotiators. There would be a demilitarized

Palestinian entity and an undivided Jerusalem, and

Eitan asserted that Netanyahu "accepts chunks of

our paper, though it has not received government

approval. But it has considerable support inside the

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Likud and wide support in the nation.

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# Beilin, Eitan back accelerated talks

#### By SARAH HONIG

Likud MK Michael Eitan and Labor leadership hopeful Yossi Beilin both expressed support yesterday for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's proposal to accelerate the final-status talks, and suggested their recent jointly produced document be used as the govemment's guideline.

"Concentration on the final goals is the only sensible move for Israel, because it has nothing to gain from relinquishing all of its strategic assets in phased withdrawals, which themselves foment discord," Eitan said, at a joint press conference.

The upshot is that we lose all our cards before the negotiations are over and we cannot successfully

# Alpher raps PM's 'express lane'

### By HERB KEINON

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's suggestion to speed up final-status talks with the Palestinians is impractical, considering the yawning gaps in the starting

In the present circumstance the gaps are very large," he said. "To my understanding the Israelis are offering a 50-50 deal on the West that taking the "express lane" to a final disposition of the territories Bank, far less than what the Palestinians could accept." will solve two problems; the coali-. Alpher said some on the Right tion difficulties sure to arise when

don't think this is based on a realisnc assessment," he said. Alpher said Netanyahu may feel

sidering national unity with stands no chance. I am not happy Netanyahu - not at any point in about this, because I am for bringing the government down, but not time," Barak said.

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process and that we are not in the midst of a peace process, not of anything remotely resembling one.

"At most we are experiencing a mirage. So far Israel has gained nothing from the Oslo process but lost a lot. Perhaps we will do better with another approach, one which for the first time will force an Israeli government to think out what its goals are for the final settlement."

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positions between the two sides, Middle East analyst Joseph Alpher said yesterday.

Alpher, director of the Israel-Middle East Office of the American Jewish Committee and former Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies director, is the author of the socalled Alpher map. This would have Israel annex 11 percent of the territories, in which 70 percent of the settlers live. He said pursuing a faster track now would make sense were gaps between the sides small.

welcomed Netanyahu's suggestion to speed up the talks, because they realize that, with the gaps so large, the talks would ultimately break down and the process collapse. Alpher said the initiative may stem from a poor assessment of the

gaps between the two sides. "One of my fears is that the govemment does not have a realistic assessment of the differences, and that there is a certain naivete, a certain feeling that the Palestinians may make more concessions. But I

he is called upon to make further pullbacks, and a crisis at every turn with the Palestinians. His coalition problems would. end, because he would likely bring.

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Labor in to form a national unity government, and recurring crises with the Palestinians would end once the final status of the territories is agreed.

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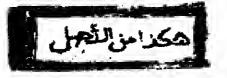
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The City of David's most recent arrivals check out their new home yesterday.

# **Five Jewish families** move to City of David

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Palestinian leader Faisal

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"We couldn't wait," Canaan

By RAINE MARCUS

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#### By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

Five Jewish families moved into the City of David area in Jerusalem's Arab neighborhood of Silwan late Wednesday night.

The families moved in between 11:30 p.m. and 1:00 a.m., accompanied by MK Hanan Porat (NRP) and a contingent of 10 private guards. According to police, the move was legal and no action will be taken against the families.

The bouses were purchased from a private owner six months ago by the Elad organization, said Yigal Canaan, a spokesman for group. The families moved in this week, he said, because the previous tenants moved out only a week ago.

"There was nothing special about this move," Canaan said. "In said, "it's too dangerous. Jibril Rajoub's men are working in all the last year and a half we've these areas, and the minute they moved into four new houses. The see an empty house, they know last move we did was three months ago, befnre that six what's going on. So we did minimum repairs in a couple days, just months ago, and there was only a so there were better sanitary confew lines in Kol Ha'ir. But now, because of the tension of Har dition, and we came in. We didn't want to leave an empty house so that there would be demonstrations, and all kinds of problems."

Husseini called the move "another There are about 30 families consisting of 70 people who live in control of the Israelis long ago, the City of David, plus another 30 students who study there during the day at the Hazon Elhanan Yeshiva. Canaan said the move "wasn't something out of the blue, something dramaoc, provocaove,' but rather part of the ongoing effort by Elad to settle the entire Israeli coalition or inside the area where King David had once made his borne at the time of the by all means to push the whole area to a real clash," Husseini said. First Templc.

"In three to four months, wc'll cnter another hnuse. I'm sure also then they will tell us, 'Oh, wby are you doing it now, the timing is so bad, the problems with the Palestinians,' but we'll continue, because we want to settle the City of David, that's our main issue. Nothing else.\*

Canaan said he wasn't worried about Palcstinian protests against the move, like that accompanying Har Homa construction this

# IAF warplanes blast Hizbullah targets

By DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

IAF warplanes struck deep in Lebanon yesterday, attacking Hizbullah targets north of the organization's stronghold in Ba'albek, less than 10 km. from the Syrian border.

Two IAF fighter planes fired two air-tosurface missiles on the village of Ashawaghir in the city of Hermel, 70 kilometers north of Ba'albek, according to Lebanese officials.

Reports from Lebanon said that a Hizbullah scont camp was bit in yesterday's air raid. Hizbullah issued a statement saying that the strike was a blatant breach of the Grapes of Wrath understandings.

The IDF Spokesman said that the pilots reported direct bits on the targets and that all the planes returned safely to their

This was the first IAF raid on Hermel since 1982. The IAF raided Ba'albek last month, destroying the Voice of the Oppressed radio station run by Hizbullah.

There were no immediate reports of casualtics in the air raid, which was apparently in response to Hizbullah's attack on an IDF convoy in the Beaufort Castle region on Wednesday, in which a soldier was killed and three others wounded.

Sgt. Avner Kfir Hezi, 20, of Alon Moreh, was laid to rest at the Mt. Herzl Military Cemctery in Jerusalem yesterday. Hezi, a medic, was killed when a Faggot anti-tank missile hit the command car in which be and four other soldiers were riding.

Three of the other soldiers were wound-

cd, one lightly and two seriously, and were cvacuated to Haifa's Rambam Hospital. Deputy bospital director Dr. Zvi Ben-Ishai said the lightly wounded soldicr was released yesterday after treatment for injuries to his hand.

He said the condition of the two other soldiers, both suffering from shrapncl injuries to their limbs, was stable after they bad undergone surgery. One is in the hospital's intensive care unit and the other in the orthopedic ward.

Hundreds of people, including Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, attended Hezi's funeral. His brother, Avner Hezi, noted that he had been named after a relative who died in the Yom Kippur War in 1973.

At the funeral, Rabbi Menahem Felix said that Hezi was not just a soldier from the territories, but a soldier of Israel and

made a plea for national unity. "We can not lct partitions divide us, we are one to be questioned yet again next people, and we have one land and one week to complete the Bar-On-forcnemy," hc said.

The commander of the Galilee unit, under whom Hezi had served, said that be had volunteered to serve in Lebanon, but bad not told bis parents because he did not want to worry them.

"You helped soldiers in the battlefield and yon assisted in saving their lives," the commander said. "And yesterday, when you were wounded in the field we immediately wanted to try to rescue you, like yon had donc many times [for oth-ers], and we weren't able."

Hezi's death brought to six the number of IDF soldiers killed in sonth Lebanon this year. More than 20 bave been wounded in various incidents in the region during the same period.

# **Mazor: Bar-On** investigators apolitical

(Bryan McBurney)

# ooned under caudon twice this week.

The police team, which for these past two months has probed the affair under the leadership of

National Investigations chief Cmdr, Sando Mazor and Dep. Cmdr. Ya'acov Grossman, met with State Attorney Edna Arbel, Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein and others yesterday to discuss evidence collected and to decide what further

steps to take. Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz also participated. Speaking at a conference of the National Crime Squad yesterday, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani told senior investigators that, "We said we would not hinder you [in the probe], and indeed we did not interfere."

Regarding whether there will be indictments as a result of the investigation, Kabalam told the gathering: "Shame on you if [the police] "been committed."

don't release the truth. Shame on you, who have toiled two months on Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi is this case, if it turns out that no criminal offenses have been committed, and you try and invent offenses. Hebron inquiry, police sources said Release only the truth. Release the yesterday. The minister was questruth and we will stand by your

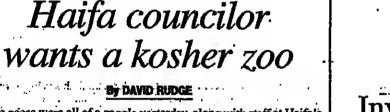
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Figures in the public eye and political leaders should be prepared for exposure, added Kahalani, and they must show a personal example to the public. Regarding relations between the police and the press over the past two months, Kahalani said investigators are "in the middle, and should show restraint."

"This is a sensitive issue," he said. "If there are criminal aspects to the inquiry, then the public must know." If not, said Kahalani, the question

should be raised whether police should be responsible for a report explaining exactly what did happen in the affair. "The public may not need to know everything, since this could damage other people. But, in any case, a report should be issued, whatever happens, and the police should weigh procedures in; the event that no criminal offenses have

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The geese were all of a gaggle yesterday, along with staff at Haifa's popular Gan Ha'em Zoo, following a request by a religious council-man to remove wild boar from the site, because they allegedly offend

Investigations chief slams press for leaks

By RAINE MARCUS

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In a letter to Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna, councilman Yinon Z'ribi asked the council, which partly finances the central Carmel 200, to remove the family of wild boar.

Z'ribi maintains that the presence of the wild boar, predecessors of the domesticated pig, is upsetting to Orthodox Jews. Zoo manager Pnina Sivan said the request amazed and shocked

her. She stressed that wild boar roam free in the woods and forests of Mt. Carmel and many other areas in the North.

Furthermore, she noted, there are dozens of other "non-kosher" animals in the zoo, such as snakes and jackals, which are all indigenous to the area.

Municipal spokeswoman Bracha Brill said Z'ribi's letter had not yet reached the mayor, but it is "highly unlikely" that any enanges he requests would be made at the zoo.

Sbe noted this is the first time since the zoo was established in the 1950s that anyone - even among the many Orthodox visitors - has complained about the presence of wild boar.

A city official, speculating the request was a Purim joke, suggest-ed. Maybe the male animals should also be separated from the female animals because of the possible offensiveness to the sensitivities of certain people."

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The police have proved they are capable of conducting a completely apolitical investigation, said National Investigations chief Cmdr. Sando Mazor at the annual conference of the National Crimes Squad in Petah Tikva yesterday. Mazor refused to go into possi-blc recommendations to State Attorney Edna Arbel on indiei-ments in the Bar-On Affair. Mazor addressed the clite squad, which investigates serious crimes and has probed sensitive political cases, including those involving Arych Deri, just as its chief Yoram Rudman is about to be replaced by Cmdr. Moshe Mizrahi. Rudman is due to be

Mazor slammed the press for publishing leaks. "These leaks were tendentious and intended to disrupt the probe," said Mazor. "Bnt for these past two months we have proved we are capable of conducting an inquiry free from political intervendon on a controversial and ambivalent issue. The investigation has been conducted according to the law in spite of attempts by certain

nature of the inquiry." Mazor spoke mostly about the police's International Crime Division, which mainly concentrates on crimes concerning Eastern Europe and the CIS. Mazor predicted that new intellipolice representative in the Far East; hased in Thailand. The gence methods will be used by police and said bc bopes that intelligence gathering would

While no one could state the number of alleged Rossian mafia beads living here at least some of the time and who own businesses here, Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz said figures involved in organized crime are "under control" and have still not managed to infiltrate poliocal circles.

Chief Supt. Ofer Gamliel disclosed that the squad recently opened criminal files against Israeli citizens who escaped partics to cast doubts on the from Iraq in the mid-80s but then went back via Turkcy to try and -bring their relatives to Israel or retrieve possessions still there. Around 15 such people have mently been investigated for entering a hostile country, he said, even though they went to Iraq and returned more than 10 years ago. The investigation was postponed for years for security reasons.

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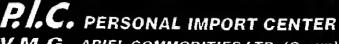
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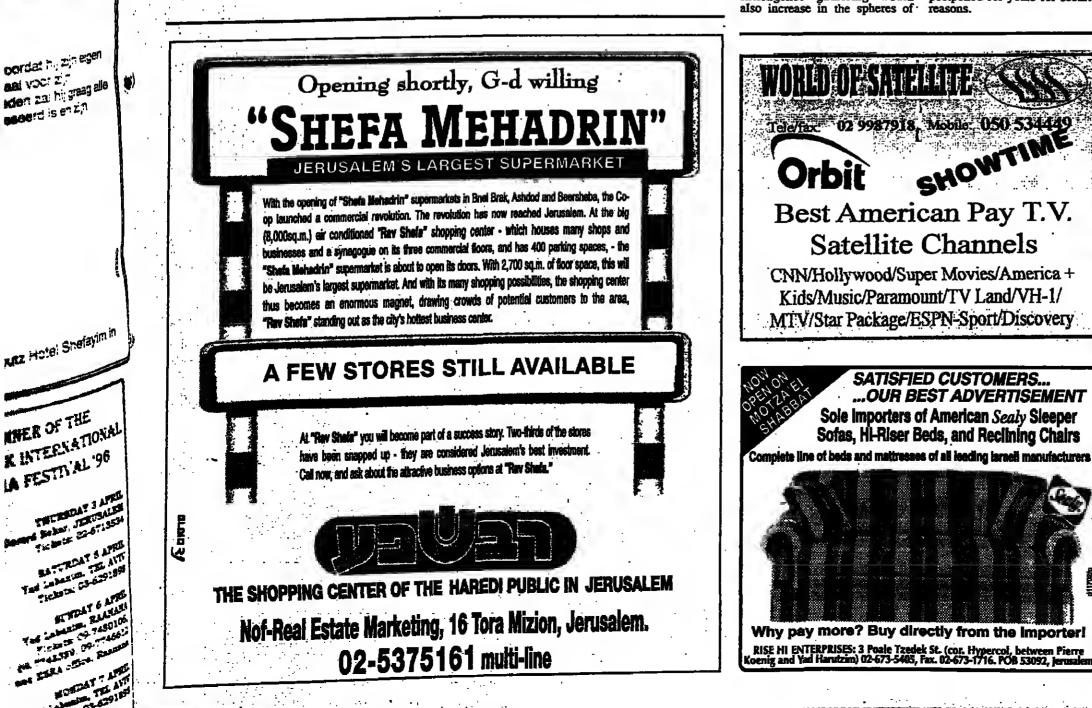
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# Final status now

sible proposal to accelerate the first sensible proposal to accelerate the final status talks contains a no-risk guarantee for the Palestinians: Either the parties reach agreement in six to nine months, or Israel will return to Oslo's original schedule of withdrawals. If Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat rejects Netanyahu's proposal, be will be betting that the current pattern of lurching from crisis to crisis is in his interest. He may be right, but more likely, it would be another example of the Palestinian tendency to, as Abba Eban once said. "never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunily."

Underlying Oslo was a conviction that neither side was ready to sit down and resolve the toughest knots in the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. If these quandaries could not be resolved immediately, Oslo was the fallback: a staged process to lead the parties inexorably to the doorstep of final status talks, and along the way build confidence that would ease the resolution of the toughest issues.

As a conduit to final status talks, Oslo has demonstrated aniazing resilience to events that many predicted would have spelled its demise. The Oslo process survived the terrible terrorist attacks before the last election and violent clashes between Palestinian and Israeli forces in September. The current Likud government, far from destroying Oslo, has built the largest parliamentary safety net the process has ever known.

Netanyahu's proposal to jump straight into final status talks marks the achievement of the first of Oslo's cardinal goals; the creation of a momentum pushing both parties toward an ultimale resolution to the conflict.

Oslo has been much less successful in achieving its second goal, that of building trust and confidence on the way to final status. It may seem that the deteriorating trust between the sides began with the election of the Netanyahu government, but this is not fully the case. The Palestinians did not have much more trust m prime ministers Rabin and Peres; and the Palestinians certainly have been doing the minimum - or less - needed to win the confidence of the Israeli public. Both sides have found that internal political pressures and the need to preserve cards for final status talks have mitigated against expansive gestures toward the other side.

ment, Israel will have to withdraw from all but Israeli settlements and "specified military locations" (a phrase borrowed from the Camp David treaty with Egypt) in Judea and Samaria. The Palestinians interpret this to mean at least 90 percent of the territory: Israel is likely to interpret it as about 50 percent.

This large gap in the stances of the parties going into the third withdrawal is a recipe for significant, possibly devastating, conflict without the advantage of having solved a single final status issue. On the one band, the language of Oslo leans toward the narrow Palestinian interpretation of what Israel may keep; but Israel cannot afford to give away too many of its territorial cards before the final status issues bave even been addressed.

A narrow view of Palestinian interests might be to try and pocket as much territory as possible before final status talks begin in earnest, so as to move the base line for negotiations in their favor. The danger is that each withdrawal, whether unilaterally determined by Israel or negotiated out, will turn into a bitter battle of wills that further saps the Israeli public of the trust and goodwill the Palestinians will need in the final status talks.

Arafat, judging from his first speech upon taking over most of Hebron, realizes bow significant it is that now "the other balf" of Israel is supporting the peace process. What he may not realize is that the support of the Israeli majority for the process is still conditional; the vast majority of Israelis need concrete reassurance that the future Palestinian entity will not be a springboard for continuing the conflict with Israel.

When it comes to final status talks, the deciding factor will not be international pressure or Palestinian threats of violence - it will be whether the Israeli public is convinced that the Palestinians really want to live in peace with Israel. The pressure tactics that worked for Arafat in the interim phase will work against him in final status. The crisis of trust may be on the Palestinian side now, but it is the Israeli side whose trust must ultimately be earned, since it will be Israel that is giving up territory in exchange for Palestinian commitments.

Netanyahu's proposal is a possible way to save Oslo from destroying itself. From a Palestinian perspective it should be attractive. It

increases the likelihood that the support of the

Israeli public can be built up during final status

talks, rather than frittered away on interim mat-

ters - without giving up the leverage of the

interim withdrawals if negotiations falter. The

Palestinians should consider the possibility that

the peace process is not always a zero-sum



# Shiny, yes – but a bad penny what was agreed and subsequent

national unity government, one of the most persistent Themes in Israeli politics, resurfaces every time the government runs into some difficulty which is to say, on a fairly regular basis.

And like a bad penny, it can look so shiny and attractive that only its detractors are required to explain themselves. But like with a bad penny, the

shine is deceiving. A national unity government is, in fact, so contrary to the basic principles of democracy that it should be reserved, as it has been in most Western countries, for the most extreme national emergencies.

Given the intensity and passions of political differences in Israel, the yearning for national unity might seem rather strange, since real divisions cannot be overcome by an arbitrary decision to unite. But it is precisely the discomfort with those divisions that explains the desire to reconcile them and make them go away.

Besides, the notion exists that a government with a large Knesset majority would somehow be able to function more efficiently, or at least to pursue its objectives more effectively in the face of Arab and international pressure.

Unfortunately, actual experience has been far less encouraging.

Israel has had two national unity governments. They functioned reasonably well when they focused on Immediate, near-term problems (facing the Egyptian threat in 1967, extricating the IDF from most of Lebanon, and taming byperinflation in 1984-5), but

MARK A. HELLER

once these discrete problems were dealt with, the grand coalitions quickly outlived their usefulness. sentiment

When different, more diffuse challenges emerged, the programmatic differences between the main parties led either to one's leaving the government (in 1969) or to mutual neutralization, and a government of national paralysis (1986-90)

In both cases, the price of

National unity is a seductive notion, but the reality would be an emasculated opposition and a dent in our democracy

not clear-cut.

national unity was a much-weakened opposition which could neither challenge the government, nor stimulate the public debate. In the latter case, this was accompanied by conceptual stagnation, resulting in the failure to either anticipate the intifada, or react properly to it.

ONE of the requirements of a functioning democracy is a vigorous parliamentary opposition lost when a national unity government is established. The sacrifice may be justified, for a short while, when a society is confronted with a challenge so immense, immediate, and clear-cut that it overwhelms established political differences.

Thus, national unity will naturally assert itself in wartime, both

averting that apocalypse.

ance to salvage the situation.

panic-mongering.

Hanegbi's timely remarks

Ironically, he essentially reiter-

appeared in the context of this

#### clarifications to the effect that neither interlocutor committed his own party suggest that the overlap is not robust enough to sustain the as an objective need and a public challenges of governance during

That was the situation in Britain permanent status negotiations. during World War II, and it lasted There is no harm in pursuing this until the day Germany surrendered, further, especially since Prime when the government was prompt-Minister Netanyahu has now proly dissolved and the voters threw posed moving immediately to per-Winston Churchill out of office. maneni status negotiations. But the But it is not the situation facing likelihood that more talks will pro-Israel loday. The choices Israel duce a workable action plan is low. must make with respect to its rela-For one thing, neither Netanyahu nor the Labor Party tions with the Arab world, and

have enunciated their own basic position, much less determined what they share in common.

In principle, the task of the opposition in a democracy is not to save the government, but to provide a viable alternative. Deviating from this principle might be justified if the Palestinians respond positively to Netanyahu's proposal and if Likud and Labor, the experience of three decades notwithstanding, can agree on what Israel's peace policy should be.

But unless the unexpected happens very quickly, it is much more logical, and far healthier for our democracy, if both Netanyahu and Labor fulfill the missions assigned them by the voters in the last election.

If they do not, they will deprive voters of their right to make a real choice next time around.

The writer is senior research associate at the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University.

As Natan Sharansky put it, if we

What Tzahi said to Yasser, bluntly

particularly with the Palestinians,

are immense, but they are not

immediate, and there are certainly

Quite the opposite. They are full

of uncertainties and ambiguities,

and therefore highly contentious;

and it is precisely the differing

views about what to do that have

most divided the major parties during the past three decades, up

Unless all these controversies

were for nothing, there is no basis

for a bipartisan peace policy. No

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At this rate, another year of "confidencebuilding" could torpedo the whole process. Oslo's two primary goals are now working at cross purposes - both sides are as ready as they ever will be to negotiate a final-status agreement, but the incidental battles of the interim phase risk blowing up the process before the parties get to the real issues.

game. Even an Israeli proposal can be in both The culmination of this contradiction within parties' mutual interest. Oslo will be the third and last withdrawal

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### ABUSE OF THE CROSS

Sir. - As Christians, we are frankly sickened by the continued and blasphemous abuse of the symbols of our faith by the followers of another.

It has been bad enough having to stomach the revisionism practised by PLO representatives during Christmas celebrations Bethlehem, as they welcome visitors to the birthplace of "Jesus, the first Palestinian revolutionary." But by erecting three crosses near Har Homa representing "the crucifixion of the peace process, of Jerusalem. and of Bethlehem." Arabs protesting the project have stooped to new depths of bad taste

Not only did it denigrate our Lord, it was also an unsubtle Jerusalem.

Sir. - In your March 14 edition, the Grapevine column included an item about veteran subscribers to The Jerusalem Post, Mr. and Mrs. Siedner, I knew them very well as we were neighbors in the "new Armenian building" on what was then called Princess Mary Street (now Shlomzion Hamalka Street). But just for your information and for fun I would like to point out that I can beat them by two years.

dolence calls in Israel, and the

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girls.

of television viewers worldwide, the libel of deicide which prompted centuries of Jewish suffering instigated by the Church. If those of you who participated in.

attempt to resurrect, in the minds

or who supported, the warped Har Homa passion play call yourselves Christians, we urge you to give very sober thought to your actions.

If, like your leaders, you are Moslem, we notice that you don't peddle symbols from the Koran to add color to your tedions demonstrations. Or are only other religions fair game?

#### PATRICK & NICOLA

GOODENOUGH

#### **VETERAN SUBSCRIBERS**

My late father Mr. Ludwig Mayer and later, I, were subscribers to the Post from the time of our arrival in Jerusalem in August 1933, and have been with your paper through good and bad times.

I am 82 years old and hope that I will enjoy many more years with The Jerusalem Post.

HERMANN JOSEPH MAYER Jerusalem.

#### FOOLING ALL THE PEOPLE

Sir. - Apparently Lincoln was Israeli public falls over its face in wrong, it seems you can indeed adulation and homage to the marvelous king. "The Prince of fool all of the people all of the time. At least the Jewish people. Peace," gusbes The Jerusalem Post in ecstatic adulation in a Here is King Hussein, a man who just sent a vile letter in which he headline over a piece by the usually astute political writer David Makovsky (March 17). insulted personally the elected head of the government of Israel because of Israel's decision to Is this the same Prince of Peace who led the attack on Israel in build the Har Homa neighborhood

in Jerusalem. Within days of this 1967? Or is he the Prince of Peace who aligned himself with Saddam public affront by Hussein to Prime Minister Netanyahu, and possibly Hussein who sent Scuds into Tel inspired by it. a Jordanian soldier Aviv and Ramat Gan in the Gulf War. Where is our self-respect? murders seven eighth-grade Israeli Where is our sanity? Whereupon Hussein pays con-

It should be obvious that Hussein, the consummate calcuCOLLAPSE OF OSLO

Sir. - In his article "The trouble is the nature of Oslo" (March 14) Gerald M. Steinberg proves very convincingly that the key issues between Israel and the Palestinians, namely Jerusalem. the Palestinian state and settlements, are unbridgeable. Then he asks the question "where does it . leave us?" He does not give a clear answer, just saying "there is little choice but to ride out the storni.

This, of course, is just evading the inevitable, namely the collanse of Oslo. Once this prognosis becomes evident, it is clear that it is in Israel's interest to have this collapse as early as possible before too many concessions to the Palestinians bave taken place. The method to achieve this collapse is simple: All we have to do is 10 insist that the Palestinians should fulfill all their obligations under the Oslo agreement (abolition of the PLO covenant, surrender of terrorists to Israel, reducing the number of their "police" etc., eic. ) before we proceed any further. Since Arafat will not comply. the blame for the collapse of Oslo will be his.

DR. JACOB ROSIN Netanya.

lating politician, knows that it is in his interest to stay on the good side of Yasser Arafat by slapping Israel around from time to time. And he is keenly aware that he can benefit by good relations with us. and our naivele and our desire to curry favor is such that we'll lick bis hand at the slightest sop he throws us, so that no matter what he does to us we'll love him.

Never in human history has there been a politician as canny as Hussein. And never in buman history has there been a people as stupid as we.

MICHAEL KAUFMAN Jerusalem.

AMIEL UNGAR

The 'recidivist ruffian' was roundly

of overlap.

Ven those who resent Tzahi Hanegbi's opportunistic and apparently failed attempt to repackage himself as a "moderate" owe him a measure of supoort this week.

Our beleaguered justice minister was assailed at home and abroad for bluntly pointing out to Yasser Arafat the risks the Palestine Authority courted by unleashing violence.

Hanegbi's remarks served as an overdue corrective to the autointimidation campaign that has ated the line the Left once propabeen in progress since the government decided 10 build at Har Homa.

A seemingly endless procession of learned commentators and Palestinian leaders have paraded through the media to sound a single theme: Disaster will befall us we built at Har Homa. "Jerusalem would burn the hands the Jews," threatened a of Palestinian leader inappropriately named Rahman (which means "the merciful").

Faisal Husseini, that saintly reincarnation of Gandhian nonviolence, detected the same odor that had preceded the intifada and the tunnel violence. Even the affable Nabil Shaath would rule out violence only if a political solution to his liking could be found. Jewish commentators would not be outdone: A revived intifada would not limit itself to stones but employ the full arsenal available 10 the "demilitarized" and innocuous Palestine Authority. Once Arafat lit the match, he would lose control over the flames. The suirestraints and amply motivated, would shortly resume business.

forthcoming "apocalypse" were

assalled, when all he did was restore perspective and stiffen some backbones gated when it implored Israeli Israel had ample means to wipe governments to negotiate with the Syria off the map. Eitan

Palestinians. If the Palestinians denounced for inflaming tensions had something to lose, argued the Left, they could be expected to act in the region, but he merely responsibly. sought to puncture the argument of the panic purveyors.

This proposition was now to be tested; but the Left now declared that there could be but one eventual loser - Israel.

AFTER weeks of incessant threats from the Arabs, amplified by the Left, it was Hanegbi the "recidivist ruffian" who was condemned for inflaming the atmosphere. Yet all Hanegbi did was restore perspective and stiffen some backbones.

The furor over Hanegbi's remarks recalls the artificial Syrian war scare of a few months back. Then a well-orchestrated media campaign warned of imminent hostilities with Syria.

These warnings were accompa-Jerusalem. But if nothing is nied by an inventory of the missiles and nerve gases in the Syrian arsenal.

POSTSCRIPTS

THIS IS a clip-and-save for schnorrers - the top 10 philanthropists in the US as ranked by Fortune magazine according to 1996 donations:

1. George Soros, president of Soros Fund Management, \$350 million.

2 L.S. Skaggs, retired chairman of American Stores, \$155 m. 3. Bill Gates, chairman of Microsoft \$135 m.

4. Walter Annenberg, former chairman Triangle of Publications, \$128 m.

5. William Hewlett, co-founder A BLIND MOUNTAIN climber of Hewlett-Packard, \$100 m. has scaled El Capitan, a 975-6. Leslie Gonda, chairman of meter granite monolith towering International Lease Finance above Yosemite Vailey in Corp., \$73 m. California that has challenged

7. Jay and Robert Pritzker, generations of adventurers. Hyatt Corp., Marmon Group, \$70

teacher, reached the top to cheers from about 20 people, 8. Ted Arison, retired founder of Carnival Cruise Lines, \$60 m. including three sighted climbers 9. Robert Galvin, retired chairwho reached the top ahead of man of Motorola, \$60 m. him,

10. William Davidson, chairman of Guardian Industries, \$35 m.

The Israeli public was expected Perhaps the offended deity in to draw the obvious conclusion: Only by reentering negotiations with Syria on Hafez Assad's terms Gaza could be propitiated by various offerings, or maybe a chivaland surrendering the Golan could rous knight, Sir Bill or Sir Hussein ibn Talal, could make an appearwe stay the forthcoming missile attack

was.

If Assad was indeed the tough

but prudent leader the Left treats

so reverentially, he would hardly

risk the obliteration of his country

for the sake of recapturing the

The auto-intimidation tactics the

Israeli peace camp employs are

dangerous because they do not set

any limits, and create mispercep-

During the tunnel violence the

appeasers' refrain was, Why die

for Josepb's Tomb in Nablus?

Now their chant is: Why die for

Media star Razi Barka'i states

openly that there was nothing bad

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Erik Weihenmayer, a Phoenix

Weihenmayer, 28, said he

made the four-day climb "to

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tions among our adversaries.

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#### At this juncture, Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan intervened in the hitherto one-sided debate. If Assad dared to employ unconvenuonal weaponry, declared Eitan,

are not ready to fight for Jerusalem, we are not worthy of having a country of our own. The minister was obviously referring to the moral aspect, but his statement makes perfect sense in practical terms as well.

The lesson our adversaries have drawn, from the Gulf war to the tunnel violence, is that Israel can be deterred and traumatized by the prospect of casualties

In last Monday's Popolitika talk show, they received confirmation of their assessment. Tommy Lapid, the resident Delphic oracle of Israeli journalism, took two deputy prime ministers, Zevulun Hammer and Moshe Katsav, to task.

True the Arabs have no case over Har Homa, said Lapid, but. what would Katsav and Hammer have to say if the government's policy resulted in 50 fatalities? Hammer and Katsav correctly responded by asking Lapid to ponder the ultimate implications

of his argument. Yesterday marked the 77th anniversary of Joseph Trumpeldor's death in defense of the isolated outpost of Tel-Hai; Trumpeldor's famous last words reportedly were, "It is good to die for our country."

All of us would undoubtedly prefer to live for our country rather than die for it. However, Israel's enemies must be convinced that, under appropriate circumstances, we too would be prepared to fight and die for our country.

If they are not, our life. expectancy in this region will be all too brief.

The writer teaches political scisacred, then appeasement won't ence at Bar-Ilan University's extension in Ariel.

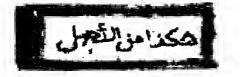
> tations. If you could climb El Capitan, you can do anything." It was not his first adventure. Weihenmayer hiked through ice and snow on Mount McKinley for 19 days last year.

"I was amazed at the stuff he could do and how fast he could do it," said Hans Florme, who accompanied Weihenmayer on the climb.

"Every challenge I put out for, bim, he would rise to the octasion."

After the dire dimensions of the fully advertised, media attention shifted to desperate measures for

cide bombers, freed from



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**OPINION** 

# Like a viceroy

#### nior to 1948, Palestine was administered by Britaio as a temporary mandate received from the League of Nations, precursor of the UN.

But for all intents and purposes, Eretz Yisrael was a British colony. As in any other Crown colony, all matters of policy, economics, law or justice touching on sovereignty were in the purview of the British Mandatory government, repre-sented by His Majesty's high commissioner of Palestine.

MK Uzi Landan, chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, is one of the most respected people in the Knesset. Even political opponents admire him for his courage and integrity. It thus came as no surprise that Landau didn't mince his words in Tel Aviv last Friday, when he spoke to leaders of industry.

It should be made clear to the American ambassador, Landau said, "that he isn't the British high commissioner, and that he doesn't rule the country."

Indyk's interference in the peace process, Landau went on to say, was "improper." To push his say, was improper. To push ins point home, he drew a compari-son between the ambassador, who is Jewish, and the first Briosh high commissioner to Palestine, Herbert Samuel, also a Jew. But were Landau to think a little

deeper, he might realize that it wasn't Indyk, hyperactive though he is, who created the psychological atmosphere that enables him to behave like a viceroy.

All the rights of this absurd situation are reserved - and Landan ought to realize it - for the prime minister and some of his fellow cabinet members.

Though they belong to a party descended from the ooble Jabotinsky tradition, there hasn't been one Israeli government, as former premier Yitzhak Shamir noted this week, that has put np with such brutal interference in its affairs as Netanyahn's.

Shamir and Landau were, of course, referring to the crucial government session two weeks ago that decided on the depth of the first withdrawal.

The right to revenge

almost daily, attack our govern-YISRAEL HAREL ment as if we were a Fifties

showed his true independence: He didn't dare take one decision on his own based on his platform; three times he halted the proceedings and went outside to call the US ambassador and get his okay. Other cabinet ministers did the same. Shamir and Landau are wrong.

therefore, in making the ambassador the focus of their complaint.

# If foreigners meddle with impunity in our affairs, it's because

we let them

All indyk does is read (correctly) the personalides of those he is dealing with, and exploit it in his country's interest. Landau should be addressing the leader of his own party, whose weakness invites pressure and the dictates of outsiders.

In the days of his premiership, Shamir noted, no Israeli minister ever sought a US ambassador's approval for any policy. The Americans did try to intervene here and there, but when they saw that the government stood firm and stayed independent, they held off.

Only half a year ago, the PLO chairman stood at Netanyahu's door, cap in hand. But after the Palestinians attacked IDF soldiers last September, killing 16 of them, Netanyabu reacted like that lily-livered Roman emperor who ran to Canossa. He ran to Washington, where Presideot Clinton was waiting, and there embraced Arafat, giving him the psychological advantage.

Now, when Netanyahu calls Arafat, the PLO leader hangs up and refuses any contact. examination. But all we do is

IF Israel's public, and its government, had any self-respect, foreigners wouldn't dare meddle so in our concerns. The State At that session, the premier Department spokesman wouldn't, president of the board of Nekuda.

banana republic. Jordan's prime minister wooldn't dare accuse our prime minister of "acting against peace... against international

law": and its monarch wouldn't dare send a contemptuous letter to the leader of the couotry that has safeguarded his crown for

over three decades. Hussein couldn't know that the outcome of that letter would be the murder of seven Israeli schoolgirls by a Jordanian soldier, but he was certain Israel wouldn't put him in his place. Because this isn't the first time the king has shown such hutzpa, or worse.

In the days preceding the Six Day War, he signed an order that all Israeli villages in the Latum area were to be razed to the ground. After the liberation, the tombstones from the Mount of Olives cemetery were found to bave been used as paving stones for toilets in the Jordanian army barracks. And during the Gulf war, the king collaborated with Saddam Hussein, whose Scuds were falling on Tel Aviv and Haifa.

But instead of treating Hussein with the suspicion he deserves, instead of maintaining our national dignity and self-respect, our VIPs and the media fought each other to see who could fawn more on the murderer's king, who could wipe him cleaner of any guilt

And Hussein, shrewd politician that he is, used this atmosphere to reap political gains in his subsequent meeting with Netanyahu. If a government and a people

show a total lack of respect for their national goals, they should not be surprised when others do the same, laying down, for example, what we can and cannot do in our own capital. We should be engaging in self-

apologize. The writer is former chairman of the Council of Jewish Residents of Judea. Samario and Gaza ond

# SUSAN BELLOS

fell ont with Samira because she attempted to present me with a puppy when my children were involve their friends and relations. aged two and three. Women teachers were routinely As the years went by, I continned-and continue to enjoy East Jerusalem, even though I miss

Stones, walls, and apartment blocks, on the other hand, which can hardly take part in a conversation, tend to get annexed. In Berlin, for example, after the pud. Wall was torn down, though

fectly comfortable with the idea

I remember divided Jerusalem, when two very distinct peoples were brought face to

Samira and Marwan.

Whenever I hunger for top-qual-

Significant Other has an urgent

need for the freshest fassoulia, we

Armenian ceramics or

However, the fact that some Israeli land developers bought up some land in Har Homa does not give anybody an excuse to wreck the peace process.

ordinary Israelis and Palestinians neither know nor care about the legal niceties of the Oslo agreement, they understand its spirit very well. Israelis like me want to get on a bus without being afraid of being blown to bits, and Palestinians like Samira understand peace to mean no more settlement, or what they see as land-

thousands of miles away, is so

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The simple truth is that if most

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Rami Dotan.

procurement officer, was sen-

tenced in 1991 to 13 years in jail.

He was demoted to private in a

plea bargain, after pleading guilty

to taking \$12 million in bribes

A military parole board has now

involving military contracts.

seeking revenge."

YOSEF GOELL

ENGEANCE? It's a dirty word among liberals. That Dan Margalit implied when he : And for this, the public whose songht to wiod up this Monday's security he endangered and the air raucous debate on the parole of force colleagues he so shamelessly betrayed are fully justified in He asked the guests on his panel seeking to maximize the o "put your hands on your hearts vengeance they would wreak

health. The authorities, prodded by enraged public opinion, didn't buy that line, and Levy is apparently none the worse for wear from serving his sentence in full.

Would Dotan's high blood pressure be any lower were he outside jail? He would merely be in closer proximity to the additional mil-

ying gasp of Fortress Israel? was always mystified by that fascinating piece of Newspeak

"United Jerusalem," or, even more strangely, "liberated" Jerusalem. As far as I know, only cized press that had no interest whatsoever in issues like police people can be united, as some brutality, since it didn't actually degree of mutual consent is need-

addressed as "girls" by their male superiors, the food was generally ghastly, and The Jerusalem Post was as stodgy as last week's suct

However, people seemed per-

face. They're not much closer now

Unlike some people declaring their eternal loyalty to undivided Jerusalem these days, I was actually there wheo walls were

the two sides were actually united, essentially because they were the same people, and often the

knocked down and two very disof East Jerusalem - then about as nip off to East Jerusalem. Bot we visit essentially as tourists, since remote as the other side of the moon - as some vaguely inclewe have no friends, relations, or vant Arab place. The only excepcommon beritage in East Jenusalem.



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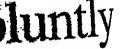
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Dotan didn't just embezzle the \$12 million be admitted taking in bribes from General Electric, a supplier of engines for Israel's fighter planes. In perpetraing the worst crime of this sort ever unearthed in our armed forces, he did something much more damaging: He undermined the atmosphere of trust that is so crucial to the functioning of the air force, literally the country's first line of defense.

Already one bereaved family of a fighter pilot who was killed when his plane crashed owing to engine failure has accused Dotan of responsibility.

It has not been proven that Dotan bought defective engines, but through his misdeeds he sowed an atmosphere of deadly distrust.

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Public vengeance isn't only not a dirty concept, it actually seems Dotan, a former air force mandated in Dotan's case - as it brigadier-general and IDF chief

# White-collar crime is a dirty business, justifying the stiffest penalty

would be in the analogous cases of convicted spies Marcus Klingberg and Mordechai Vanunu, whose supporters have been pleading for release on similar claims of poor health.

In Dotan's case, the majority on the parole board accepted the argument that the prisoner's extremely high blood pressure justified parole after serving only half his term.

Commenting on which one might opt for the slangy Hebrew retort of: "We've seen this movie before."

IN the late 1970s, a naive prime minister Menachem Begin, who was temporarily acting justice minister, wangled a pardon for jailed bank embezzler Yehoshua Bension, whose lawyers had similarly pleaded that their client lay at death's door. Bension was, conveniently, also a big contributor to Begin's Likud.

He was pardoned, ostensibly to enable him to die peacefully at home.

Twenty years later, Bension is still with us, presumably in good health and, as the saying goes, "laughing all the way to the hank."

Much more recently the party and rabbinical colleagues of jailed embezzler and Shas MK Yair Levy also pleaded for Levy's early parole on the basis of chronic ill

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There was no shortage of people with itchy fingers and larcenous hearts in Israel's early years. But the fact that the country was durt poor meant there was little worth stealing. That's why so many of us could live with no locks on our doors - if we had doors, that is. Observes the Talmud laconically, "It isn't so much the mouse that

is the thief as the mousehole." The fantastically richer Israel of the past two decades is full of such mouscholes, and of a large number of naive Israelis whose tender

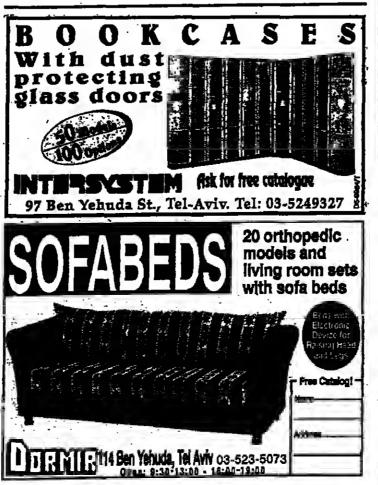
hearts beat in empathy with the criminals among us, rather than with their victims. So-called white-collar crimes

have increased so sharply in recent decades - in number, in the amounts embezzled, and in the sheer hutzpa of the perpetrators as to justify using the term "plague." And plagues need to be treated with extreme severity. Fear of severe punishment may not deter habitual murderers; but it

does dissuade the coldly calculating white-collar criminal. But the overriding condition is that such a criminal knows the odds of being caught, and of society's insisting on meting out a

The writer comments on public affairs.

punishment that is justly stiff.



tinct peoples were brought face to face with one another. I also lived for some years in divided Jerusalem, and though I may have mixed in the wrong circles, I never heard anyone declaring that his right hand might be torn asunder, or that he couldn't live without East Jerusalem. Wall.

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same kin.

Jerusalem in my heady youth of 1963 was fun. In spite of snide remarks from Tel Avivians comparing Jerusalem's night life to that of an old age home, there was a vivid student life centered around the immortal, and quite disreputable, Bacchus Club off

Zion Square. There was also a vigorous intellectual life at the then handsome Hebrew University campus at Givat Ram and the challenge of the spanking new Hadassah Hospital in Ein Karem.

There was no kulturkampf between secular and religious Jews, who got on relatively harmoniously, each minding their own business. You didn't have to endure videos of your bost's trip to the Far East or Alaska either, and red wine and olive oil were dead cheap. I don't mean to blather on in

some middle-aged way about Paradise Lost. Pre-1967 Jerusalem also meant living with rampant prejudice against non-Ashkenazi Jews, and a totally party-politi-

tion to this I ever witnessed was when a group of haredi Jews came to visit Ahu Tor on Tisha Be'Av in order to try and and get a pitiful glimpse of the Western

in June 1967 I saw the walls near the muncipality bulldozed in order to "liberate" the bemused residents of the Vaocan property behind Notre Dame.

It was all so surreal that my friend Hanna mused aloud one day in a liberated street in her perfect English "I wonder what it actually feels like on the other side." A voice just behind ns chimed back in equally perfect English tones: "It feels awful, if you really want to know."

Nevertheless, I and everybody else I knew enjoyed the fiesta-like atmosphere of the "unification." The Old City was a delight, and we soon made friends with people like Samira and her brother Marwan. Visits and meals were exchanged until Samira fell out with me because I had moved into the new Ramot Eshkol neighborbood right next to the police bostel, which gave her the creeps. I

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**Rachel Shapira** 

I WRITE this as the buildozers are poised to build yet another Jewish neighborhood in East Jerusalem.

Although the Labor Party has slanged the Likud for the "timing' of the Har Homa decision (the subtext of their attack being basically: We did the same as you, but we're smarter), both of them are exhibiting a fortress mentality which finally went out of the window with the Gulf war.

Israelis, crouched around their TV sets in small rooms sealed up with sticky tape, learned to their horror that rings of Jewish suburbs are not much use against long-range missiles. Beyond a spurious security argument lies the line that we should build there

because we have the legal right to

dangerous that no building can ever justify it. That brings me back to disunited

Jerusalem. We remain two very separate peoples who are not very keen about mingling.

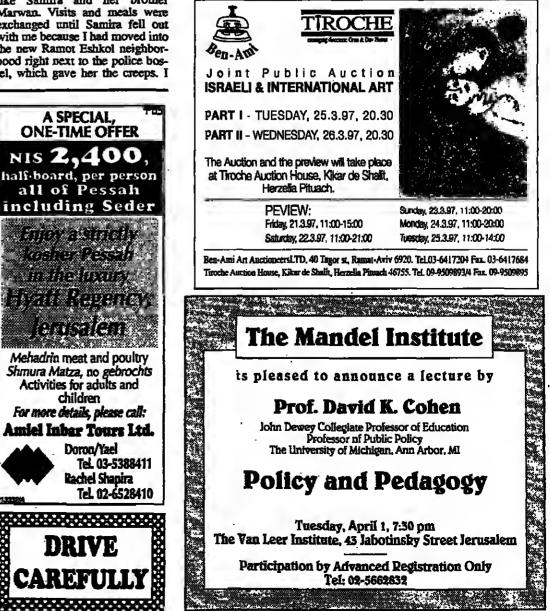
The only thing that unites most Jerusalemites - Jewish, Moslem and Christian - is a common desire for peace and quiet.

There is no excuse for Israel to continue lording it over East Jerusalem if there is the slightest chance that our withdrawal will lead to the rolling up of the map of war in Gaza, Cairo, Damascus, or Amman.

Of course the Western Wall, and access to it, is deeply precious to the Jewish people. However, as any Orthodox Jew will tell you, the preservation of human life is the greatest mitzva of them all.

The writer is a Jerusalem jour-

nalist.



# **WORLD NEWS**

# Friday, March 21, 1997 The Jerusalem Post

# **Clinton-Yeltsin talks** to focus on NATO

#### News agencies

HELSINKI - Russia promised a tough summit fight over NATO colargement yesterday. Bot the United States said it would not be deterred by Moscow's objections, as the two leaders arrived in the Finnish capital for their meeting.

"President Bill Clinton and I face difficult, serious talks," President Boris Yeltsin said at the airport.

But the Kremlin chief, looking in good bealth after his recent long illness, said it was important to find compromises and maintain the US-Russian partnership that had been forged after the Cold War, despite their differences.

Clinton and Yeltsin both converged on Helsinki voicing a common commitment to peace in Europe but still deeply divided on bow to ensure it.

Oddly, the US presideot had agreed to move the summit from Washington to Helsinki to make the trip easier for Yeltsio, who underweot quintuple bypass surgery in November and suffered a serious case of pneumonia in January. But it is Clinton who now finds himself the invalid.

For the two leaders the meeting on neutral turf is their 11th in four years. The summit was pushed back after Clinton twisted his knee last Friday and underweot surgery to repair a torn tendon.

Clinton made an unusual arrival in the summit city, lowered to the airport tarmac from Air Force One in an air-

line catering truck. The leg iojury leaves him with a wheelchair and crutches for several weeks. He was wheeled out of the truck in a flag-snapping chill wind, his injured

leg propped up in front of him. Yeltsin, determined to demonstrate vigor to his critics back home, couldn't help crowing in advance, "the healthy Yeltsin and the ill Clinton are

coming Anxious to demonstrate his full recovery from heart surgery last year, he arrived shortly after Clinton and made a more traditional entraoce down the steps of his new presidential

The two leaders were to dine last ught at the Finnish presidential palace in Helsinki. The main talks take place today in a modern, airy villa overlooking the Baltic, the residence of Finnish President Martti Ahtisaari.

Temperatures were below freezing in the Finnish capital and there was a light dusting of snow across the city. The main point of contention on their summit agenda: Clinton wants to expand NATO's security blanket eastward to cover former Warsaw Pact members; Yeltsin says that would isolate Russia and mark a return to Cold

War divisiveness in Europe. We have difficult and serious talks ahead of us," Yeltsin said at the airport arrival ceremooy, "I think Bill Clinton and bis support group are looking for a constructive compromise to all controversial questions so that we can depart again as friends."

Yeltsin expressed hope that he and Clinton will be able to "play a note of peace" and ease tensions between the two countries over NATO and other issues

Whatever the outcome of the twoday summit, NATO enlargement appeared inevitable.

Clinton, before departing Washington, promised to pursue "a robust partnership between NATO and Russia, a relationship that makes Russia a true partner of the alliance." Yeltsin, faciog enormous opposition at home to any expansion of the 16-

member alliance, appeared determined to extract as many concessions as possible.

Meetiog with Finnish Foreign Minister Tarja Halooen yesterday, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said. "Rhetoric leading up to the summit is not what's important. What's important is discussions that will take.

Clinton and Yeltsin plan to take up a US-proposed charter to give Russia a larger role in NATO deliberations, but no veto over alliance military actions. NATO is preparing to take in new members from central and eastern Europe io 1998, Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic are the leading candidates.

Along the road from Vantaa Airport to Helsinki, small clusters of people gathered to watch the presidential motorcade.

A bandful of Lithuanian students whistled and chanted outside sile-reductioo treaty.



US President Bill Clinton is helped on his arrival in Helsinki yesterday. Chinton is to hold talks with Russian President Boris Yeltsin over NATO's plans to expand into Eastern Europe.

A US official speaking on condition

Clinton's hotel, demanding NATO membership for Lithuania. With tensions over NATO expansion spilling over into the arms control

of anonymity said the concessions Clinton was prepared to offer included a delay of several years in the deadline for Russia to blow up certain missile arena, Clinton hoped to prod the silos and for scrapping banoed Russians to ratify the START II misbombers and submarines.

on the missiles would have to be removed under the treaty's schedule. In return, Clinton wants a clear commitment by Yeltsin that the treaty will be ratified by the Russian parliament . this spring.

However, the long-range warheads

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extend our deepest sympathy to our Associate President, Dr. Zvl and Ruth Feine and their family

On the eve of the first anniversary of the death of .

# **RUTH GROSS 5"1**

Friday, March 28, 1997 (19 Adar Bet 5757) we will visit her grave at Beit Zayit, meeting at the moshav center at 10 o'clock.

# EU team: Aid needed for Albania

THE HAGUE (Reuter) - The head of an EU fact-finding mission to Albania said yesterday the European Union's first priority should be to help restore order in the country and secure safe passage for food aid.

"We do believe as a mission that European countries should do something to improve security if only to help our emergency supplies to get through," Dutch diplomat Jan de Marchant et d'Ansembourg told a news con-ference on his return from Tirana.

This could include a "modest

By GEOFF SPENCER

PORT MORESBY (AP) - In an attempt to ease civil unrest gripping the capital of Papua New Guinea, the government said yesterday it was suspending a controversial contract with mercenaries hired to crush an island rebellion. The country's army leader led a mutiny Monday, claiming it was unfair to pay foreign mercenaries when local soldiers were underpaid, and that the mercenaries would be overly brutal with Bougainville island villagers.

Brig.-Gen. Jerry Singirok also claimed that the government was overpaying for helicopters to be used by the mercenaries, and that money was being embezzled.

Singirok refused to cooperate

and mutinous soldiers, and riots by their civilian supporters in the

capital, Port Moresby. At least five soldiers holed up in a barracks were seriously injured yesterday when not police fired rubber bullets,

Later yesterday, Prime Minister Sir Julius Chan announced that the \$27 million contract with Britishbased Sandline International would be suspended for two weeks while a national judge investigates allegations of corruption.

It was not immediately clear what the scope of the investigation would be, and there was no immediate reaction to the announcement from Singirok or his support-

"I believe it is the only way to

Chan announced earlier in the trained government soldiers have week that he was firing Singirok. But soldiers loyal to the military leader continued to hold the 43 English and South African mercenaries. About 20 other mercenaries were deported yesterday, Maj. Australia.

Walter Enuma said. A petition sent to the government yesterday and signed by 4,700 soldiers - virtually the entire defense force - called for deportation of all mercenaries, an inquiry into their biring and Singirok's reinstatement.

Rioting since Wednesday has closed shops, banks and schools in Port Moresby. Police prowled the streets yesterday, using tear gas and dogs to disperse a mob attempting to loot a downtown shopping center.

The nine-year rebellion on copattacks would kill civilians.

Riots, mutiny shake Papua New Guinea been no match for guerrillas seeking. an independent state on the thickly jungled, mountainous island.

Bougainville is 1,300 km northeast of the capital of Papua New Guinea, which is just north of Chan hired the mercenaries after saying he was "tired of seeing his will

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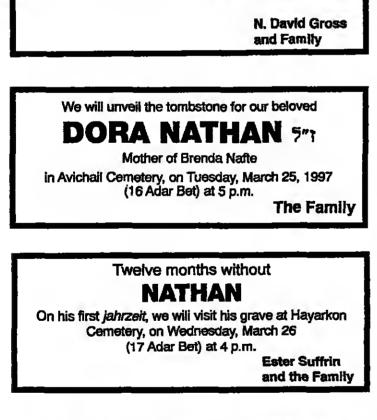
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boys come back in body bags." Sandline bas subcontracted much of its work to the South African mercenary firm Executive Outcomes; famed for its successes in Angola and Sierra Leone.

Singirok has said that - contrary to government statements that the mercenaries would be used only as "advisors"- there were plans to have mercenaries

use helicopter gunships to fire missiles at rebel-held villages on the island. Singirok says such



# In sorrow, we announce the passing of the artist and teacher FRANZ BERNHEIMER on March 16, 1997, in Kiryat Tivon. His Wife, Family and Friends

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(European) police presence D'Ansembourg said.

"] am not thinking in terms of thousands (of people)," he added, but declined to specify the recommendations put forward by the mission ahead of their presentation to EU foreign ministers meeting in Brussels on Mooday.

Dutch foreign minister Hans van Mierlo said the team's assessment of what was needed in Albania fitted reasonably well with the forms of possible aid agreed by European foreign ministers meeting in the Dutch town of Apeldoorn last weekend.

The Netherlands currently holds the six-month presidency of the European Union.

"The (leam's) request on the basis of the observed need (in Albania) is very close to what we agreed then," Van Mierlo said.

"The report is in no way urg-ing the unfolding of a major military presence — oor does it sig-nal the need for one." "I have a good feeling what is being proposed by the mission will be acceptable but we have to find a form for it," he said.

"The European Union is prepared to play a stabilizing role, but io coordination with other organizations," Van Mierlo said.

which could take the form of dozens of them in a move that police or military advisers, sparked clashes between police

# Zaire rebels order loot returned

KISANGANI (AP) Balancing boxes of medical supplies and food on their heads, a parade of people heeded a rebel warning to bring back the looted supplies or face the consequences. Swarms of people returned the

goods, which had been pilfered just before the city fell over the weekend, at trucks parked alongside the road and at a university campus.

One person brought back a stolen sewing machine.

"The trucks were swamped," said Brother Jerry Selenke, who runs a Catholic charity that helped recover the goods yesterday

Aid agencies may have suffered the biggest losses when retreating government troops, mercenaries and civilians this week pillaged homes, schools, offices and stores. Warehouses were stripped of toos of medical supplies and food for 40,000 displaced Zairians and 100,000 Rwandan refugees.

with the mercenaries and detained dispel all allegations against the government and set the record straight," Chan said.

per-nich Bougainville has left more than 1,000 people dead. The ill-

# **CIA nominee a product** of the judging committee

WASHINGTON (AP) - In outward appearance, the contrast between George Tenet and Anthony Lake couldn't be much greater. Lake is a soft-spoken academic, Tenet a cigar-chomping son of Greek immi-grants who wears his passions on his sleeve.

The reception Tenet receives as nominee for CIA director from the Senate Intelligence Committee also is likely to be far different than the drawn-out adversarial ordeal the panel put Lake through.

Tenet is a product of the committee, where he served first as a junior staff member and then as staff direc-

Former colleagues recall an ebul-lient Tenet slapping hands in Senate hallways and committee rooms to mark a legislative triumph or a victory by his beloved Georgetown University basketball team.

And when he would talk by telephone with his mother in New York, they remember him speaking Greek. Since December, Tenet has been acting CIA director, running the spy agency after the resignation of John Deutch

Tenet, who is 44, appeared des-tined to resume his duties as deputy

director until Monday, when Lake

abruptly withdrew as President

Clinton's nominee for the intelli-

gence post. Bedeviled by prolonged

questions about Bosnia policy and

White House fund raising, Lake told

the president he could see no early

The immediate reaction to Tenet's

nomination suggested he wouldn't

encounter the problems that detailed

end to the confirmation process.

**George Tenet** 

Lake.

"He has a distinguished record of service in the intelligence community," said Republican Sen. Richard Shelby, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee and the man who orchestrated much of the criticism of Lake.

In 1995 the Senate confirmed Tenet as deputy CIA director, the agency's No. 2 post, after he got a unanimous endorsement from the Intelligence Committee.

In early 1987, a Senate delegation that included Sen. David Boren was in Europe for briefings on arms reduction negotiations. As the Intelligence Committee expert on arms talks, Tenet was along. Now president of the University of

Oklahoma, Boren said, "I was so impressed by him that when the staff director resigned and I was a selatively new chairman (of the Intelligence Committee) I jumped George over seven or eight other senior people to make him staff director."

Noting that "an Oklahoma senator ended up with a staff director from New York City," Boren said the arrangement made the point that "George has gotten where he is by ability and hard work and not through playing partisan politics."

# Palme murder back in spotlight

STOCKHOLM (Reuter) - The unsolved 1986 murder of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme returned to the spotlight yesterday after a lawyer revealed a former client told him about a conspiracy to kill Palme and

Sweden's king. Lawyer Pelle Svensson said his client Lars Tingstrom, known as the Bomb Man after being convicted twice on explosion charges, disclosed on bis deathbed in 1993 that he was a part of a gang of four involved in the murder.

He told Svensson in a confession, partly written and partly oral, that he planned the murder from his prison cell to take revenge on a society he hated.

"It was Lars Tiogstrom who ordered the murder. In total there

were four people (involved) of whom two still are alive," Svensson told daily newspaper Dagens Nyheter.

Svensson told Swedish media the gang of four included Tingstrom, Christer Pettersson, who was convicted of Palme's murder in 1988 but later acquitted. a former bank robber and an explosives expert, now dead.

But Svensson said the primary target for the group was Sweden's king, Carl XVI Gustaf, not Palme

He said it was pure chance that Palme was killed first, shot dead in a Stockholm street in February 1986 after leaving a cinema with his wife.

Svensson said Tingstrom's hatred of society that was the motive for the murder.

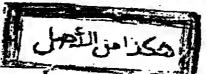
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# **NEWSinFOCUS** The view from the East Bank

**Abraham Rabinovich** assesses the mood in Amman following King Hussein's condolence visit to Beit Shemesh

was close to 1 a.m. but customers were still trickling into Yacoub's all-night pharmacy in Amman. Whenever one did, Yacoub broke his discourse in midsentence and walked out to the shop floor from the backroom where we were drinking coffee. When he started back, he would resume talking from the shop even before I could see him, picking up the dangling phrase precisely where he had left it. "If they had been ordinary

tourists who were killed, it wouldn't have been such a trauma and I don't think His Majesty would have gone to Israel. Such attacks happen, after all. But girls ... In our society, they are untouchables. Why do you think Beduin girls can wander around the desert freely? If a Beduin man is killed, his tribe will find the killer and has the right to kill him or to demand compensation. If a girl is attacked, her family has the right to demand the lives of

him, a Jordanian and a Palestinian.

"But His Majesty is more human

than any protocol can imagine. I've

lived through the era of Nasser and

Arab nationalism. I've lived

through the post-Nasser period'

filled with the PLO. We are now in

the peace era, whether we like it or

Yacoub's views set an initially

upbeat tone for a visitor trying to

assess the mood in Jordan follow-

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theirs? I felt ashamed for the king when I saw it on television. I am against the peace treaty. That country is not Israel, it is Palestine. I was born here but I am from Jaffa. For peace, you must give me back my roots, my house. If we can do this without war, that is best, but I don't think that will happen. I tell this to my children every day, never to forget they are Palestinian. We wait for a good time to take it back. "Now Israel is strong. The next

time we will be stronger. Most Palestinians here feel like mc. Those Jews who were here before 1948 and their descendants can stay. The rest must go back. My father worked with Jews and got along well. Bin I hate the new Israelis who have taken my home." I had introduced myself as an Israeli journalist but I was not certain now that he had understood me. "I just want to be sure," I said, "that you understand that I am from

Israel.<sup>1</sup> Yes," he said, turning to his Yacoub had said that I had the young assistant and asking him to good fortune to be getting the opin-ions of two men when I talked to give me coffee. Turning back, he said, "I understood." Behind his glasses, his pale shopkeeper's face In his case, the two agreed with each other in praise of the king's had suddenly taken on depth. There were layers of feelings there but condolence visit to Israel and the hate was not among them. He introduced himself as Marwan peace process - an attitude, I would discover, not universally shared in Abed Liswi. Jordan where some 60 percent of the population is of Palestinian

We are not criminals, as the Israelis say. We need our roots, oot more." "Some people didn't think the king should have gone, that his visit wasn't kingly," said Yacoub.

MARWAN'S WORDS had the ring of hard truth about them, an innermost truth after the proprieties had been stripped away. Had I departed Amman after our talk, this view of a decent man dreaming of annihilating Israel might have been the dominant one I took with me. Instead of heading for the airport, however, I went to the University of Jordan. It would not be the professors I met who provided the balance to Marwan but the taxi driver who took me there.

ing. King Hussein's visit to Beit His name was Ghazi Daoud and his father was from Jaffa too. Unlike Marwan, who had never been to Jaffa - "I don't want to see Israelis living in my house," he said - Ghazi had.

But the first shopkeeper encounmy parents and grandparents. The



Jordanian anti-riot police mount a roadblock Monday at Muzeíreeb, west of Amman, to prevent sympathizers of the soldier who gunned down the seven schoolgiris from paying respects to his family. (Renter)

modernity and vitality of Israel. "Israel built itself from nothing," he observed. He and his family had lived a comfortable life in Kuwait until the Gulf war, he said, but economic conditions since their return to Jordan were difficult. Could he live with a peace that confirms the loss of Palestinian

be taken literally. "He was staking out an opening negotiating position.") On the attractive university campus, a group of male students was dancing a debka on a walkway and singing a catchy refrain. "They're celebrating the election results for the student council," someone

ate. Politically, it was probably counter-productive. The peace process at the moment is not very encouraging but if you ask me whether there will be peace in the long mn I would say yes. It's simply in the interest of both parties. The human element, like the king's visit, doesn't play a role. What mat-

"Most Jordanians felt that the king's visit was unnecessary. At the human level it was appropriate; politically, it was probably counter-productive."

The previous night, Yacoub the pharmacist had spoken of a great difference between the character of West Bank Palestinians and trans-Jordanian Palestinians. "The Palestinians on the West Bank have changed totally because of their contact over the years with the Israelis. Before 1967, they were dall and lazy. They have turned into hard-working, ambitious, efficient people. Perhaps it is because of the competition with Israel. Now it is we who are dull and lazy compared to them even though Palestinians in Jordan work much

also in atomic bombs and in science and the arts. When I visited cancer institutes in the states, all the researchers' names seemed to end with 'berg' or 'stein' or 'man.' 'You have made tremendous

achievements over the past 50 years while the Arab world has been listening to thetoric and staging coups d'etat. When I went to university we had a professor who said 'If you go on with your mad dreams of driving the Jews into the sea you're going to end up in the desert.' He said once the Arabs give the Israelis peace they will have no more reason to be militant.

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Amman's bustling downtown area made it clear that not all Jordanians were willing to clamber up with Yacoub and the king onto the high road of peace. It was a small textile shop and the bespectacled owner declined at

first to give his name.

of our restaurant guide.

people living in our family's house received os more than generously. They invited us in and offered us fruits and drink and said they were sorry our family had to leave in the war. My grandfather said the house was almost unchanged. We have no "It was bad for the king to go there to see the Israeli families," he thoughts of moving back there. If we could get compensation that would be enough. We can't get said. "When Jews kill Palestinian children, do their leaders do this?

anything more than that." He had been surprised at the Are our children worth less than

lands to Israel, I asked, a peace that severs finally his ties to Jaffa? "I can live with it. There are others who can't but they are a minority. We both have extremists. We need to forget the past and make a new

(When I described my conversation with Marwan later to Amman journalist Rami Khoury, he said that the shopkeeper's demand for the elimination of Israel was an example of Arabic rhetoric not to

explained. Most of the girls wore white headscarves, some were bareheaded and wore jeans, one wore a veil. A youngish, Hollywood-handsome political science professor agreed with apparent reluctance to answer questions. He declined to give his name.

"Most Jordanians felt that the king's visit [to Israel] was unnecessary," he said. "He could have sent a representative. At the human level, I think the visit was appropri-

ters are national interests." He was suave and polite but there was a distance that could have stemmed from a condescending attitude but was probably something else. He had oot been to visit Israel or even the West Bank. "Why not?" I asked. "For a political science professor it must surely

be interesting." When I go abroad," he said after a moment's hesitation, "I prefer to go to Europe."

Marwan, appeared one remove from the realities of life their brethren knew across the river. For Yacoub, who had been in the West Bank three times in the past few years and follows Israeli politics closely - "I know what Dan Meridor has to say about this and that and about Olmert and Kahalani" - Israel's strength is the central reality. "You are so advanced in so many fields, not just

agriculture as you keep saying, but

harder than the native Jordanians."

ofessor, and perhaps even

peace treaty, a reporter from Kol Yisrael came into the store to buy something and we began talking. My young son was here. I could see that he was, how shall I say, restless.

"All his life he had heard about 'the Jews' and here was one. I said Son, shake hands with our neighbor. He comes from Jerusalem. He is a Jew.' This is the era of peace and anyone who is sensible must accept it."

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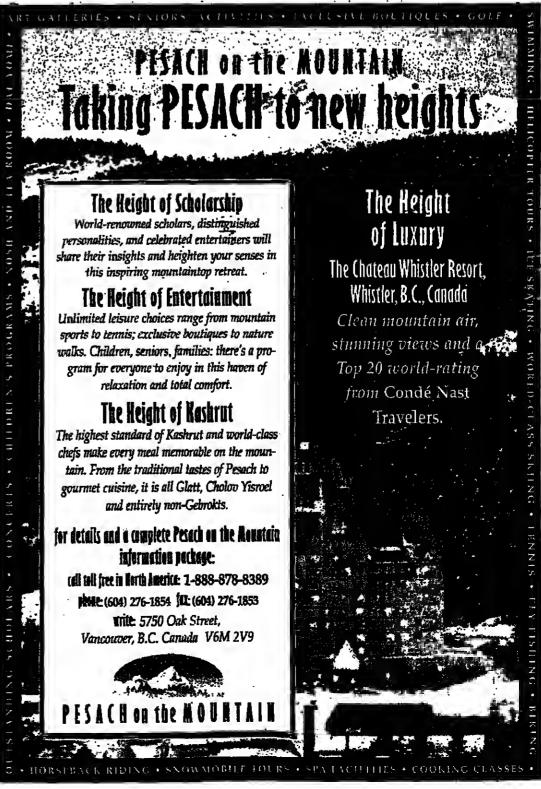
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Watching Palestinians protest construction at Har Homa.

# Har Homa: **Spectator sport**

#### By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

The world's media descended on Har Homa this week to shine the spotlight on Yoram Sulimani going about his business. But Sulimani didn't care. "We do our job, you do your job," said Sulimani, one of the supervisors at the site. "Our job is to prepare ground for building to earn our liv-ing, your job is to write what you want. You take photos, you guys talk, everyone does what they have to do.

"We were told to respect the media - we don't interfere with anyone. The whole media thing is separate from us, we don't get involved in it. We're only doing the work, all the rest doesn't interest us, all the politics, all that's related to it."

Talk about the calm in the midst of a storm

While Sulimani went about his business, all around him was sumult. Hundreds of army and police security personnel were taking up positions around the area in a veritable military operation designed to protect and enable four Caterpillar bulldozers and steam shovels to perform a simple task: dig up some earth.

But there was not the slightest hint of any interference. As IDF heli-

It was all so anti-climactic. For weeks there were warnings of a violent showdown over the start of this building project, fears that a new intifada could break out with the first shovel of overturned dirt. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said that there were intelligence reports indicating that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat had given the "green light" to Hamas to mount terrorist attacks against Israel.

O/C Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan, speaking to reporters at the site, said "the overall situation is a tense one. We are in a crisis, What we are doing is to do our best to keep the situation as calm as possible, and at the same time make all the preparations needed for all possibilities. The main stress right now is terror." Internal Security Minister Avigdor

Kahalani warned the Palestinian Authority not to choose the option of violence. "If it lets trigger-happy people act, it will simply be making a very grave mistake," he said. "We are prepared for any flare-up. Our reaction will be sharp, severe and strong.

The Palestinians were also bracing for the worst, as the PA Health Ministry declared a state of emergency at hospitals, in preparation for the expected casualties. "We have stockpiled stores of medications for at least two weeks," Abdallah Mohessien, acting director of Ramallah Hospital, was quoted as saying. "We have asked our pharmacist to provide fluids, bandages and chest tubes. We are not doing any elective operations and elective patients are not being admitted now. But when building finally got under way Tuesday afternoon, noth-

ing happened. A few scuffles broke out between IDF soldiers and Arab teenagers who tried to reach the digging bulldozers, and some tires were burnt in Bethlehem, but that was the extent of it.

Out of sight, on a hill around the bend and facing Har Homa, sat a dozen Palestinian demonstrators led by Faisal Husseini in a tent city erected on Monday to protest the building. It was cold on that hill, and it turned colder as the week went on, but still they sat there, even after the media stopped mobbing them.

There were a few spectators who came to Har Homa to see what all the noise was about, like Ela Brajer. temporary visitor from France

"] just want to see with my own eves what this huge problem about Har Homa is," she said, "I don't know why the whole world has to be involved in this, I would like just to find out what people are upset about. "No one in France talks about the French political problems, they talk about Har Homa, and they don't even know where it is, what it is, why, who it is for." But the world certainly learned

this week the answers to those questions. Netanyahu spoke at length to the media defending his decision to

#### trip business was just too big for the SPNI to handle alone. Since no license is required to open a firm that organizes trips, 'fly-by-night" companies get involved. Nevo says. Many try to steer schools toward trips featuring "attractions" like water parks, where they receive a percentage of the entrance fees. The children demand

walk a lot anymore."

Ideally, the principal planning the trip does so according to a red-andgreen handbook, Special Circular No. 6, 1996/97, Trips in the Educational System, issued by the Education Ministry director-general. Nevo says that the issue of security and safety "is very organized. It's treated very seriously" in the book. Once the lunerary is agreed upon usually by the principal, a teacher appointed to coordinate trips, and a tour-company representative - it is filed with the local trips liaison unit,

maintained by officials of the SPNI. army and Education Ministry. matter of bad luck includes where they are going to be,

# Do school trips get a passing grade?

The heavy rain and strong wind that forced the cancellation of many school trips this past week may have been welcomed by parents worried by last week's tragedy at Naharayim. But the wintry weather was nothing close to the storm that is tearing through the country's educational establishment after seven girls were killed at the site by a Jordanian soldier.

While Education Ministry officials and representatives of the AMIT Fuerst School of Beit Shemesh traded accusations this week, those who prepare school trips agreed on one thing: the ABCs of security and safety could be improved.

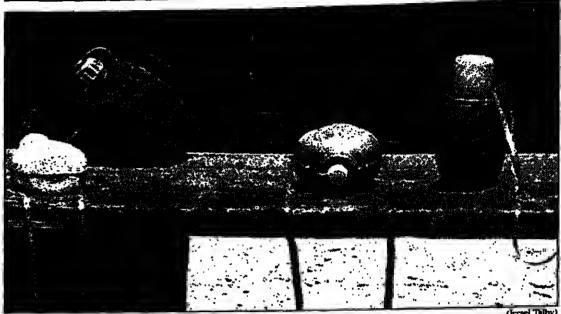
School trips have been an essential part of the curriculum for years, but ecently their character has changed. The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel spokeswoman Orit Nevo says: "You can't grow up without doing some hiking," noting that the visits are part of the schools' educational program. For years, the educational program. For years, the SPNL a non-profit organization, was practically alone in the field – "we invented the school trip," she says. But privatization in the Israeli economy saw school trips also become big business. With an esti-mated 4.7 million days of touring a year, according to Nevo, the school-

the attractions, making the compa-nies popular. If they go to Eilat, they want at least two nights of disco and a full day at the beach," says Nevo, "and teachers don't like to

More attractions means more money for the company, and a lower cost for the principal.

The attack, he says, "was just a

The fingers of blame being pointed in the aftermath of the Naharayim slaughter are leading to serious reviews of school trip security regulations, Arych Dean Cohen reports



year and a half ago, following

reports of safety problems, the min-

istry established a unit to monitor

Ten inspectors were dispatched to

spot check the trips - that's one

inspector per 10,000 trips. They

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According to Zudkevich, around

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cials insisted this week that they had all the necessary permits.

There are others, however, who think the whole permit system is nothing but "a sham." Hanoch Levine runs Jerusalem's Merhavim company specializing in school tours and transport.

He posits that in the Naharavim trip "it appears the principal didn't go according to the permit. But you never do. It just doesn't happen. Why? If you say you're going to leave at eight, you never do. You say 10. a kid twists his ankle, so you leave at 11, which means you have to change the itinerary."

As for last week's incident, Levine conjectures: "A guide comes from Shadmot Mehola who took a group to Naharayim the other day, and last week, and the week before that, and says: 'C'mon, let's go there, it's great. The kids will see Jordanians and peace, it's fantastic.' Who's going to call the principal? They just go. You get somewhere, and they let you in, so [you think] what's the problem?" Levine says school groups were visiting Naharayim "all the time. There's no school that hasn't been there," he claims.

groups there, two of which had already visited the Jordanian side. Zudkevich admits he lacks the

her staff do, "things happen," she says. For example, during a trip to the North, the kayak of some pupils overturned. Fortunately no one was burt, but kayaking will not be included in the school's trips in the future. As for the Naharayim incident,

Levitte says that while she knows the site was off limits, there were definite calls within the educational system to visit there, especially in the framework of "100 Years of Zionism" projects, "So the question is, to what extent the call to visit a particular place echoes in the system, and what backing you give later to a school that did so," she says. "If the principal says he had a permit, then I trust he did. The question is, if he got one, how he got it, because it's forbidden."

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Despite the incident, parents and pupils questioned this week seemed. confident about the trips, although maybe a bit more concerned than before. Amie Ben-Dor of Jerusalem, who offen goes along as an armed escort, said: "I insist on knowing what the route is, but I accept the fact that the principal will do what has to be done." He says the permit system "is very simple and specific," and

hopes last week's tragedy "was an isolated incident."

"There are checks and checks and

careful," although he did remember

one to the Golan Heights where his

class crossed into an area he thinks

was off-limits, and spoke to UN sol-

diers. Most parents interviewed .

complained more about late arrivals

and children coming home sick than

Are the trips safe? Nevo thinks

they are, although she had more con-

fidence when large bodies like SPNI

he says Making sure this doesn't happen is a different story, however. About a

school trips.

copters hovered overhead, snipers crouched behind boulders and soldiers rambled alongside the bulldozers making their way up the hill, the only resistance they encountered were the hundreds of journalists who were there to cover this long-awaited landmark event. Indeed, some of the bulldozers couldn't maneuver to other tracts of land because they were blocked by the dozens of cars parked alongside the road.

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#### build, even in the face of near-unanimous international condemnation. There is never a good time to build in Jerusalem, because there is always opposition," he said, "When they say: 'Wait for better timing.' they mean: 'Don't build, not ever.' We intended to build, we promised to build and we are building.

"If we succumb to the threat of violence on an issue as central to the Jewish heart as Jerusalem, where will we stop that surrender? If we are ready to surrender to the threat of the terrorists in Jerusalem, we will surrender everything."

By the next day, after the army of media had moved on to record other events, work at the site continued in a more serious way.

Supervisor Sulimani, who had gone through the same media spectack when he built the Jericho bypass road, said he knew what would happen next. "It'll take a few days, but soon everyone is going to calm down and we will build Jenisalem."

whether it will be on foot, or by bus. "This information is then fed into the liaison unit's computer which issues a document saying whether everything has been approved or not. and outlining any limitations, including whether or not you are allowed to visit the sites you requested," Ministry activities, not a single pupil Nevo explains. gets hurt."

"What happened in the case of Naharayim," she believes, "was that when it became a tourist attraction, it was decided by the ministry that one is not allowed to go to the Jordaniancontrolled side. There are two parts to the site. It you ask for a permit for Naharayini, the computer will tell you: 'You can walk on the dams

road [on the Israeli section]," but it will warn you that the Jordanian part is off-limits." Nevo insists that the AMIT Fuerst

School "didn't even ask for Naharayim" in their request, so they couldn't have a permit tu be there at all. But AMIT Fuerst School offi-

BUT SHLOMO Zudkevich, in charge of safety and security for the Ministry of Education, tries his best to make sure that luck has nothing to do with it, and doesn't think it should. "It's my job to see to it that within the framework of Education

Statistics show that in the 1995-96 school year, a total of 100,000 school trips were taken by Education Ministry-affiliated schools. A total of 615 injuries were recorded, seven serious, and one fatality: a girl who drowned in the North.

Zudkevich regards the greenand-red-book's recommendations as tantamount to "law," adding that the principal, and then the person he chooses to organize the trip. bear full responsibility for what happens in the field. "There can't be a situation where the guide says: 'Let's go here, not there,' because the route [that is filed] is the route,"

proper manpower, but says he plans checks all the way through," says to ask for additional inspectors. Avi Linden of Jerusalem, who's also Off-limits areas are periodically participated in trips. "I think they're updated. While no recommendations as safe and secure as they can be were made to stop trips to the capital even more so than some family following last year's Jerusalem bus bombings, Zudkevich said Judea, trips. Shaul Cohen, 18, who attends the Samaria and Gaza were placed offcapital's Boyer High School, said limits by the army after the riots that that on his school trips, "they're very

followed the opening of the Western Wall Tunnel exit. Call him an idealist, but Zudkevich believes that there's a simple reason why the ministry's guidelines should be strictly obeyed. want to believe that a principal who is aware of his responsibility in such matters does everything possible to make sure all the guidelines are followed. Can I guarantee that all the trips I mentioned were carried out according to them? Definitely

Hana Levitte, principal of

Jerusalem's Hebrew University

Secondary School, agrees. "This

whole matter carries with it a

tremendous responsibility," she says.

Despite all the planning she and

takes responsibility."

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safety or security.

Clearly, if the level of safety and security on such trips is to receive more than just a passing grade, it will require a greater effort on the part of parents, teachers, principals and the Education Ministry to ensure the Naharayim tragedy never recurs.



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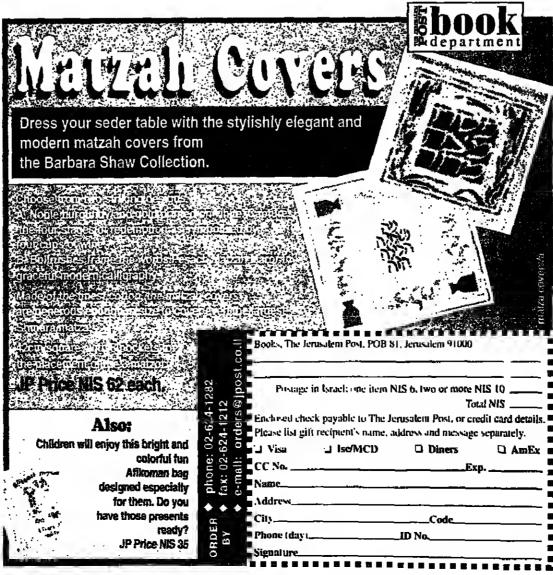
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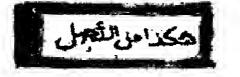
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# A town that's grown up

Beit Shemesh is no longer the bitter place that Amos Oz described. The tragedy at Naharayim showed another face of the town, Herb Keinon reports

Yashuy last week as a locality that will long be linked in the communal mind to a tragedy. Like Ma'alot. Like Misgav Am. Like Beit She'an. The name will jolt the memory, triggering questions of an "isn't that where?" variety.

Beit Shemesh will also lnng be linked with King Hussein's visit; with the poignancy of the red-eyed king kneeling dawn to comfort grieving parents, and the parents accepting his condolences with sorrow, restraint and dignity.

Beit Shemesh, by Wednesday, was hubbling hack to normal. The death notices that scarred notice boards nn quiet streets were replaced by nntices annnuncing times for seven unveiling ceremonies.

The city-center, largely desert-ed for fnur days after the tragedy, shed its ghnst-town aura and began showing renewed signs of life. Music from MTV hlared again from a candy store near the municipality.

And children began getting ready for Purim, albeit a little differently. A teenage girl walked into Greisha's Studin in the center of town and asked the proprietor, Gregory Ya'acovov, when he chuld photograph her in her costume. "What's the costume?" Ya'acovov asked.

"A clown with tears on her cheeks," the girl replied.

As this city of same 29,000 residents rose from its communal shiva, there was a palpahle feeling nf unity.

This was felt in the number of residents who attended the girls' funerals, and who went to bomes nf people they didn't know to pay condolence calls. It was felt

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D eit Shemesh joined She'ar in the efforts of people, of complete strangers, to provide food for the families, and in the establishment of a fund fur them. Grief bonds. Grief this deep bonds deeply.

Deborah Zwebner, an immigrant from New Jersey, knew none of the girls killed, or their families,

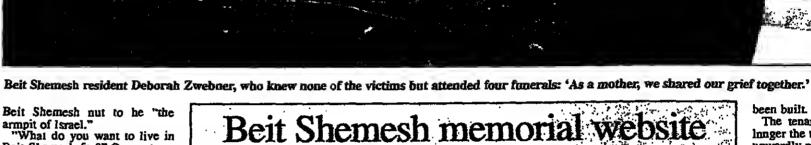
Yet on Thursday night she stood in the rain and cold and attended four of the funerals. "They are our girls," Zwebner said, explaining why she attended the gut-wrenching funerals. "As a mother, we shared our grief ingether."

There was another inescapable feeling in the town last week, a feeling hrnught home hy conversations with both townspeople and the "city fathers" - the feeling that the larger public's perception of this town is changing. The restraint and dignity with which the families and the city hore its hurden will help erase negative images of Beit Shemesh that have accumulated nver years of being viewed as a haven for drug addicts, or a cauldron for the nnemployed.

The king's visit put Beit Shemesh nn the world's map," said Ya'acovov, nhviously wishing it would not have had th happen under snch circumstances. "People will see that it is not the same city it was 20 years ago." Indeed.

In 1983, Amos Oz wrote the critically acclaimed In The Land of Israel. He devoted a chapter of it to Beit Shemesh, painting a particularly unflattering image that has plagued the city to this day. It was the image of an angry, frustrated, hitter, loser of a town. Oz, Zwebner said, made





Beit Shemesh nut to he "the armpit of Israel." "What do you want to live in

Beit Shemesh for?" Oz guntes a townie as asking him when he sat down at an outside table at a cafe in the center of town. "Fnrgel it. This place is a dump, and will always be a dump." Why a dump? "There's nothing

bere: people work, eat watch TV, gn to sleep; and that's it. And nn Shahhat they chew sunflawer seeds.

Oz then went on to chronicle a conversation he had with the local folk, with "Moshe and Shimon, Shalnm and Aviv, Jnjo and Albert, Avram, the other Shimon and many others." The conversation was full of hate, resentment, and fury,

The development town's image took a further battering because of a campaign incident in 1988, when a local man poured a cup of water on Shimon Peres. The incident met with outrage at the time, hut also a certain understanding, a feeling of, "Oh well, that's Beit Shemesh, it's to be

In the front yard of the AMIT Fuerst school in Beit Shemesh, students crowd around a blackclothed table covered by hundreds of condolence messages from around the world sent by e-

mail to a Beit Shemesh website. The website (www.shemesh.co.il), which was started by Canadian immigrant and Beit Shemesh resident Daniel Aufgang, was established to pro-vide general information about Beit Shemesh for local residents and those thinking of moving there.

"When this horrible incident occurred I thought that after the shive I would build a complete memomat aner me show I wook onto a compare memo-rial site for all of the girls, hnt I noticed that 150 people, had logged in to clieck the site," says Aufgang, who works as a freelance computer and web design consultant. So he then put a simple pic-ture of a memorial candle and a place where people could e-mail in messates in the families. could e-mail in messages to the families.

Within 10 minutes he received the first message from Colombia, and hundreds of condolence messages from around the world followed: From Argentina to Anstralia, Chile to Croinia over 3,000 people have visued the size and almost 1,000 have written messages to the families and the incade of the girls who were killed.

Many of the letters were from people who had suffered similar tragedies, from parents in Dublin, Auckland and Buchos Aires. The British parents of

"May the memory of your loved ones be

"May the memory of your loved ones be blessed." American Jonatian Greichblat wrote: "Almost a year ago, I lost 11 densificands in a plane crash when Commerce Servicing Hus Brown and 33 off-ers lost their lives when their plane crashed into a mountainside in Dolartonic, Croatia, Every single day of my life since their a stranger with the loss Now, whenever I hear offan merdent when lives are lost on a large scale. Lear computive in a way most others can ". With the help of the test Mere day a routing driver of the Pointer Manager Day and the Share-driver of the Pointer Manager Day and the Share-and King Hissein Mile the Mere day at the Share-and King Hissein Mile the West of the Share-driver of the Share Manager Day at the Share-and King Hissein Mile the West of the Share-driver of the Share the state of the Share-and King Hissein Mile the West of the Share-and King Hissein Mile the Share and the Share-to and King Hissein Mile the Share and the Share-to states a state west. "The unmorphity of Bat Share-methas growth Anfgang mones to unstated in the ference problement differ the shares to unstate of the Share-methas growth well as to all wrote the state of the shares of the share a state of the state of the shares of the shares and Kanger to the state of the shares of the shares and Kanger to the state of the shares of the shares and Kanger the shares of the shares of the shares and Kanger to the shares of the the shares of the shares of the shares of the the shares of the shares of the shares of the the shares of the shares of the shares of the the shares of the shares of the shares of the the shares of the shares of the shares of the the shares of the share teachers can respond directly to the mail. It's good 

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The tenants, she says, are no langer the tired and poor, but the upwardly mohile whn can afford in Beit Shemesh what they could nnly dream about in Jerusalem or Tel Aviv, where most commute to work.

The city has some 1,100 families from the farmer Soviet Union, as well as 400 families from English-speaking coun-tries, Sheetret said, They are changing both the face, and the feel, of the city.

"My son is the only native Hehrew speaker in his kindergarten," Sheetret continued. Once a year the parents have to come in and explain what they do, and this year they are talking about being lawyers, dentists, computer specialists." A far cry from the Beit Shemesh of popular perception.

With the growth come the problems, hut the problems are like those of any other city, or any other neighborhood. Bcit Shemesh is not the first place where Russians live next to families who originated from



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Tal playing in the city's center, which began to show some signs of life earlier this week after resembling a ghost town for the (Sarit Uziely) first four days after the tragedy.

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As a result of this baggage, tmt few pundits commented Sunday that they were "pleasantiy surprised" by the way the city reacted in the news of the horror from Naharayim, and the way Beit Shemesh greeted King Hassein.

It was meant as a compliment. But the city elders, if not surprised hy this surprise, were certainly put nff hy it.

"What this shows is that it is easier to change a city than to change a stereotype," said Etoile Gabai, an adviser to Beit Shemesh Mayor Danny Vaknin. "Look, Amns Oz came here a long time ago. He wrote about the city then. Nnw it is different. It is like seeing a child when he is three, and then again at 20. and asking why at 20 he doesn't act like he did when he was three. It's not fair."

"I know the residents of my town," Vaknin said, sitting with a hlack tie and black shirt in his office, just having escorted a Lahor Party delegation, headed hy Peres, to the homes of the bereaved. "I was not surprised."

BEIT SHEMESH today is very different from when Oz visited. Ask residents why they moved to Beit Shemesh, and the changes become apparent.

In the 1960s, nnbody wanted to move tn Beit Shemesh. It's where they ended up, where they were sent. Asher Elbaz, a local

the soldier who was killed in the recent helicopter. crash wrote: "To all the families who so tragically jost their daughters, we can only say that we share your pain and angaish, even though we know that jost their daughters, we can only say that we share your pain and angaish, even though we know that you are all mothers, inners, mothers and sisters each mourning in your own separate ways for each of your seven daughters. We share your pain, and can magine your grief, because we kist our son Gidon in the helicopter disaster on 4 February.

insurance agent, is a case in point. "We came here in 1961 from Moroccn," he says. "We didn't know abont Beit Shemesh, we were sent here. We never used to want to admit we were from Beit Shemesh. We whuld say that we lived 'near Jerusalem.""

Ya'acovnv, the photo-studin owner, also didn't knnw of Beit Shemesh when he arrived from Tashkent in 1990. He went there because relatives he was staying with in Ramot had had enough. One of the relatives knew Beit Shemesh because he worked at the Beit Shemesh Engines plant, and pointed Ya'acovov, his wife and twn children in that direc-

nion. by the "institutions," or pointed ' there hy relatives. A mother of three, she lives in a new neighborhnod nf cnttages nearing completion on the outskirts nf Beit Shemesh. Enter her twostnry, sun-lit, tastefully fur-nished house, with a view of greenery, the town looks better."

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wood covered hills, and you are immediately struck by the feel-"Wnw, this is Beit ing Shemesh?"

Zwehner says her family, as well as many of the English-speaking families in the community, was not monivated to move to Beit Shemesh because of cheaper housing. Rather, she said, the family moved there because they had relatives there, liked the view, and the community's feel.

"There used to be a stigma attached to the city," said Mnshe Shmuel, standing in Studin Greisha, buying one lottery ticket after annther. Shmuel, 40, has lived in the city for 39 years, ever since his parents immigrat-Zwebner, however, came in F ed from India when he was one 1993 hy choice. She wasn't sent ; year nld. "There was a time when we would be embarrassed to say we were from Beit Shemesh. It was all immigrants from the east, primitives. Now that's different. All the new neighhorhoods have hrought in other people. There is more

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seven girls, with pictures that were taken on their last trip and details about them called from their friends and families.

The turnaround, says Kathy Sheetret, director of Vaknin's office, was in 1991, when the government, faced with a massive influx of immigrants from the Soviet Union, saw massive land reserves near Beit Shemesh and decided to add them to the city.

Plans call for the construction of some 29,000 units on the hills south of Beit Shemesh, an area called Ramat Beit Shemesh. The first 3,700 units will be ready for occupation in the summer. In additinn, massive building is taking place inside "nld" Beit Shemesh as well.

Mnroccn, and where friction arises because of the proximity.

It is also not the only city with rehabilitating drug addicts and pockets nf unemployed. The dif-ference between the town now, and how it was back then, is that now these pockets dn not define the town. There is much more th it. The drug addicts and unemployed stigmatized the town, Sheetret said. Nnw the stigma is that Beit Shemesh is becoming haredi.

Sheetret, apparently worried that this could also chase people away, quickly tries to dispel it, saying there is only one haredi neighborhood in town, and that she does not know of plans to turn Ramat Beit Shemesh into Bnei Brak.

Sheetret does not give the impression that her words were spontaneous, but rather - as one nf the city's "salespeople" - she has needed to repeat them often in the past

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# **FEATURES**

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# The twisted path of military justice

energetic lawyer, the committee was not convinced hy the state's arguments.

In most cases, the army does not care about the imbalanced structure of the committee because it prefers to see prisoners released from its chronically congested ails. In fact, according to Friedman, the committee has approved early release in 92 percent of the cases it has heard. But Dotan is not "most prison-

ers." In fact, according to the law, because of the length of his sen-tence, he should have beeo incarcerated in a civilian prison, where he would have been eligible for release only after completing two-thirds, rather than half, of his sentence. Dotan requested to be imprisoned in a military jail on the grounds that he was privy to state secrets and would be vulnerable to criminals in jail, who might extract them by brute force. But some claim the real reason for Dotan's request was that he knew he would be able to get out of a military jail more than two years earlier.

The other strange thing about this case is that even though both Mordechai and Chief of General-Staff Amnon Lipkin-Shahak had personal representatives on the committee and even thought the hearings stretched over a period of seven months, neither knew about it until the committee's decision was published.

Mordechai was not embarrassed to tell the the Post that he had no prior information about the decision which the committee was about to make. Had he known, he would have done whatever was in his power and prerogative to prevent such a decision.

It is not clear whether Mordechai could in fact have done anything becanse, despite its relatively low status, the committee is so independent as to be under no superior scrutiny other than that of the High Court of Justice. But, by bis own admission, he did not try because he did not know what was going on, even though the case involved the worst criminal in the history of the army and even though he had a personal representative on the committee.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL (Res.) Shalom Ben-Moshe was one of the many people shocked by the decision to release Dotan. The committee failed "to consult with people who would have presented all of the other relevant factors such as the effect of his release on

# Father's last act

Avi Kostner is on trial in New Jersey for killing his children. He didn't want them to be raised as Christians, Marilyn Henry reports

vi Kostner was losing his children. He couldn't bear it and so he killed them. Allen "Avi" Kostner, who has a bistory of instability, says be killed his children to protect them from his ex-wife's Christianity. This month, a jury in New Jersey will sentence Kostner for the murders of his children, Geri Beth, 12, and Ryan, 10. In coofusing appearances in court, Kostner, now 52, has angrily asked for the death penalty, saying that he had not been allowed to explain himself.

When it was time to "explain," he cited religion. "We are part of the tribe of Levi," he said. "That takes us back 3,700 years. These were my children. My children cannot be raised as Christians.

"I am oot the first father in history to kill his children to prevent conversion," he said in an agitated statement to the court. "I could not allow their Jewish souls to be cut off from Judaism. It has happened before in Jewish history, during the Crusades, the Inquisition fathers killed their own children to prevent them from belog convert-

·Kostner and his ex-wife, Lynn Mison, had been mired in a bitter dispute over custody and money since 1986.

They had married in 1979, separated in 1985, and divorced in 1988. Mison, who had converted to Judaism after her marriage to Kostner, had renounced Judaism after their divorce. She remarried and was raising her children as Christians.

On June 26, 1994, Kostner took his children out to dinner, then to a movie, then bowling. Then he gave tranquilizers to Geri Beth and Ryan, put them in a van and tried to poison them with carbon monoxide, according to news accounts.

Kostner's son died of carbonmonoxide poisoning. It was not so easy with his daughter. She

to one press account, he was. county courthouse wearing a sandwich board that said: "I briefly married to an unidentified divorced her, not them." Also on the board was a swastika, presumably showing that the family-court system resembled Nazism. And

Kostner in court: Driven by religious zeal or sheer evil?

Israeli woman in 1967, and returned to the US a year later. when that marriage coded. Kostner claimed he had participated in the liberation of Jerusalem during the Six Day War, although

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reporters could find oo record of Kostner's Israeli citizeoship or military service.

In New Jersey, Kosmer had occasional part-time work as a cab driver and Hebrew teacher. He led a local scouting troop, and a few months before the murder, had woo the Shofar award from the national Jewish Committee on Scouting for "outstanding service by adults in the promotion of scouting among Jewish youth." He often referred to himself as a "professional Jew," according to a report in The Jewish Standard, a weekly oewspaper in oorthern New Jersey. In court last week. Kostner said the murders "were committed out of sheer desperation." He blamed Mison, the court that gave her custody of the children, and the rabbis to whom he turned for help. "I only wanted to put an end to the pain, anguish and suf-" fering that took over our lives," he said. Although the death penalty was restored in New Jersey in 1983, it has been sought by prosecutors. less than a half-dozen times. It is not clear what arguments would sway or discourage a jury. It also is not clear what Kostner believes. At a psychiatric facility where he was held shortly after the murders, Kostner told a Teaneck rabhi, David Feldman, "I didn't know I had this evil in me." "He said 'evil," Feldman said. "He knows it wasn't religions

The military court which convicted Rami Dotan described his crimes as 'unprecedented in their gravity.' Yet the decision to release him was almost inevitable. Dan Izenberg reports

The High Court of Justice has one month to decide whether the precarious health of ex-Brigadier-General Rami Dotan, convicted in March 1991 of exploiting his senior Air Force position to embezzle \$12 million from the government, takes precedence over the gravity of the crimes he committed and the ongoing damage it has caused the state.

Last week, a military court appointed to hear Dotan's appeal to be released from jail after serving half of his 13-year-sentence ruled in his favor, citing his chronically poor state of health as the reason for its decision.

The ruling has aroused a storm of protest in the army, among national figures including President Ezer Weizman, in the media and the public. MKs Yossi Sarid and Yossi Katz, the Quality Movement for Government and Amitai, the Citizens for Good Government movement, have petitioned the High Court, the only body empowered to overrule the military court.

Justice Eliezer Goldberg decided on Tuesday that the High Court would hear the petitions before April 22, the date of Dotan's scheduled release.

Dotan must be one of the most hated people in Israel because of the scale of his crimes and the fact that he was a senior officer in the IDF, still popularly regarded as an oasis of purity and idealism in an increasingly self-serving and often corrupt ruling elite.

President Weizman, a former air



Dotan has been described as being chronically ill - and a chronic liar. (AP)

reason for that is the committee's However, according to Dotan's lawyer, Daniel Friedman, the unusual, skewered structure. Unlike most other courts or tridecision to grant his client an early release was unanimous. hunals, only the prisoner/defen-

Mark wanted to release Dotan dant is represented by a profesimmediately. Eshkol wanted to sional lawyer. The plaintiff - the release him after he had completarmy, the Defense Ministry and ed seven years of his sentence. the state - is not represented. The compromise was April 22. Instead, the three members of the The committee based its decicommittee are supposed to play a sion on the state of Dotan's dual role. First and foremost, they are adjudicators who must weigh

health. "All the members of the committee," wrote Levi, "were coovinced that because of the prisoner's severe chronic illness and because of the coostant threat

"The entire Israeli public is shocked by the gravity of his deeds."

-President Ezer Weizman

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force commander, set a presidential precedent hy asking Attorney-General Elyakim Ruhinstein 10 petition the High Court against the decision, writing that Dotan's "crime is extremely severe in its own right and in terms of the damage it has caused the nation. The entire Israeli public is shocked by the gravity of his decds.

The three-man committee appointed to consider Dotan's included Colonel appeal Mordechai Levy, head of the Southern Command Military Court, Colonel Motti Mark, Chief Army Mental Health Officer and representative of the Chief of General Staff, and attorney Nimrod Eshkol, the representative of Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai.

The comminee's ruling has not yet been officially published.

committee's decision to release him was almost inevitable. The a professiooal, determined and

served as commander of the Military Police during Dotan's investigation. "The court did not summon people who could have explained the effect of the decision on the general public. The Dotan case is an ethical and moral

> issue. Ben-Moshe charged that the court ignored the enormity of Dotan's crime. "Dotan was a senior army officer," he said. "We expect senior officers to behave in an exemplary manner. But Dotan betrayed his superiors, including the commander of the air force who put his faith in him and gave him his backing until the very last second. Dotan lied to him.

He betrayed the air force, where he was raised, and he betrayed his subordinates whom he taught and who believed in him. Dotan ordered them to do things. They did them, even though they knew they were illegal, because they believed in him. He betrayed the sacred values of friendship and the army."

regained consciousness and tried to escape, so Kostner strangled her. Then be took 64 tranquilizers. With the bodies of his children in the back of the borrowed van, Kostner was found near the police station in Teaneck, New Jersey, slumped over the wheel in what looked like a drug overdose.

At the time, Kostner was an unemployed cab driver under psychiatric care for depression. "In another time and place, he would have been known as the shteti schnorrer," a neighbor once told one of the local newspapers. Kostner was a "charity memher" of the Teaneck community, according to news accounts. He lived in a borrowed apartment and got free food from local restaurants. He had borrowed the car he used to murder his children.

Kostner's primary occupation seems to have been going to court to get greater access to his children, and he filed more than 150 motions and legal briefs in Family Court saying that Mison had violated his visitation rights. In 1992, he appeared at a rally for divorced fathers, standing in front of the

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New York, Kostner reportedly has battled mental illness since the age of 11. Last week, be told the court of his childhood, which included the drunken spells of his mother and beatings hy bis stepfa-

Kostner was a confounding mystery to many in Teaneck who tried to assist him, according to local news accounts. He misrepresented his past, saying he was a college graduate, possibly from the Hebrew University, although it appears he was a high-scbool drop-out. He lived in Israel in the 1960s, working on kibbutzim and waiting tables in Eilat. According zeal.'

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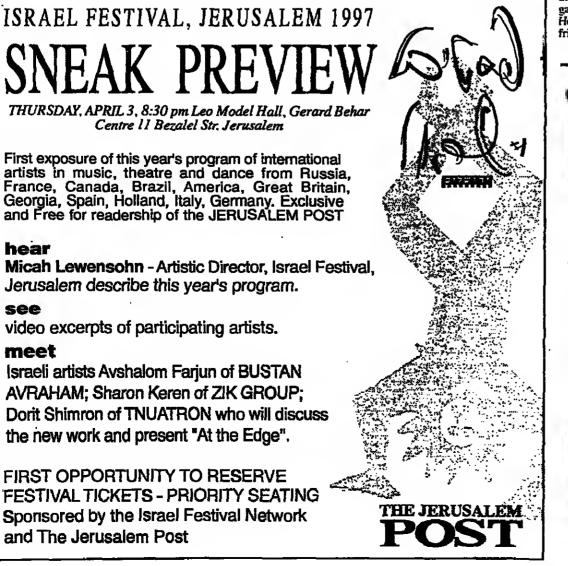
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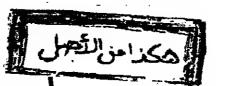
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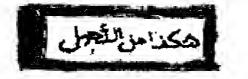
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Israel's newly appointed foreign minister, Yitzhak Shamir, marching

energetically along Rehov Emek

Refaim all by himself. It was a crisp,

bright, spring day, and - pretty much for the heck of it - I started

following the diminutive spy who had emerged from the Mossad's

To my astonishment, most passersby did not identify Shamir,

even though for the previous three years he had been their Knesset

Speaker. And if Shamir had yet to

become famous, fewer yet realized

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A rabble-rousing rightist MK who back then routinely locked homs

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As Israeli ironies go, Milo's cur-

rent comrade in arms - McDonald's

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Shamir as Israel's prime minister.

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# His name was Ronni Milo

Likud hacks across the country, Milo prepared the ground for the swift transfer of his ailing father-inlaw Menachem Begin's inheritance to arch-hardliner Shamir.

Milo's gambit proved more than worthwhile: the former campus agitator was appointed deputy foreign minister, and - having used that position in order to cam some much needed respectability - subsequently became minister of police, environment and the interior. Indeed, Milo's achievement, won through a masterful manipulation of the old parliamentary system's worst flaws, has yet to win its rightful credit as one of the most remarkable feats in the history of king-making.

Yet for us, Milo's success in catapulting the anonymous, unimaginative and anti-charismatic Shamir to a premiership second in length only to David Ben-Gurion's, would not have been relevant now if not for Milo's latest crusade, to keep the Ramat Aviv mail open on Shabbat.

The question, for those struggling against Orthodox entrepreneur Lev Leviev's intention to behave with his newly acquired property as he sees fit, is how to treat the man who purports to lead their cause; the answer is - with contempt.

IN PRINCIPLE, politicians who never change their views - like Milo's old mentor - are a dangerous species. Yet that does not mean that those who do change their minds should not be treated with suspicion. It is one thing to undergo a deep mental metamorphosis and in turn pay for it a hefty personal price, the way, say, Moshe Dayan and Ezer Weizman did. It is another thing to

merely open the window, lend an ear to the mob, and follow its lead. Brothers-in-law Dayan and Weizman had been intimately familiar - as military leaders - with the gruesome face of battle, and paid dearly for their convictions: Following his defection to Begin's cabinet - a move which ultimately paved the way for Sadat's journey to Jerusalem - Dayan was ostracized by most of his Labor party colleagues, some of whom publicly dubbed him "prostinute." Weizman, after abandoning Begin for his foot-dragging on Palestinian autonomy, was expelled from the Likud, the party which he had personally led to power as campaign manager in 1977.

Milo - who some elaim never fully completed his unheroic military service as an advocate - made sure he would not only pay nothing for changing his spots, but in fact figured he would use that transfiguration in order to write a new and even more improbable chapter in his already illustrious political career.

The man (Shamir) and the idea of Greater Israel - the old horses on which he had so successfully bet -were dead, figured Milo the morn-ing after the Likud's electoral fiasco in 1992. And so, in yet another skillful maneuver of a weak man intent on extracting the maximum from a rather inferior position, Milo settled for a mayoral race, even though he had already presided over Israel's entire police force, and enjoyed a Rasputin-like aura as the prime minister's closest protege. Yet alongside this humility lies the

arrogance of a man who - having accurately detected the publie's politics should place a man like

mood - thinks he can now pose as a national leader, a true ideologue, and a thinker of Aristotelian dimensions.

In fact, Milo's prosaic truth is that once having mounted its saddle, he noticed that the Leftist Trojan horse with which he is now parading through the Right might carry him even farther than the old Shamir one be so skillfully nurtured.

After all, with Shamir, Milo merely impressed party rank and file; now, as a newly baptized progressive he is a media celebrity, an embodiment of the consensus, a permanent fixture in political talk shows who gets ample exposure for his posturing as the apostle who would show masses of Likudniks the way to all of yesterday's profanities and today's ideals, from Palestinian

statehood McDonald's checseburgers.

YET IN reality Milo is neither a thinker nor a leader.

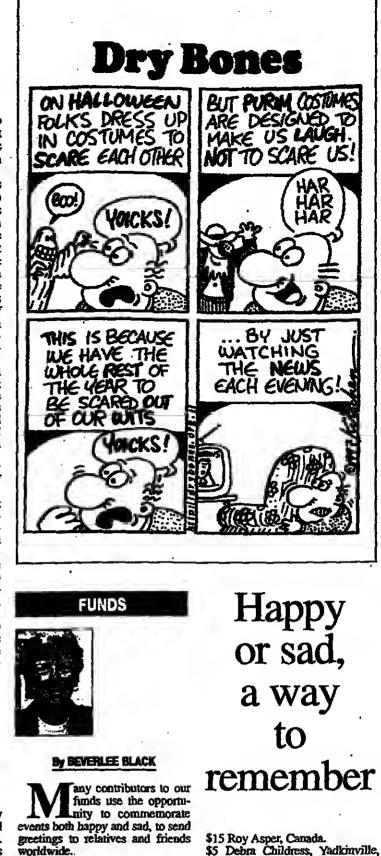
On the thinking level, had he realcared for its fate, and understood the potency of the powder keg called religious-secular relations, Milo may have seen in Lev Leviev the very role model Israel's haredim so sorely lack.

Not only has Leviev served a full three years in the army; and not only is he a self-made man who by doing honest diamond business has earned a forume after having immigrated here from Uzbekistan as a teenager. in fact, Leviev is a neo-haredi who gets by without clinging onto tax-payers' pockets. Any sensible Israeli anxious over the deformities wrought on this country by haredi

Leviev on a pedestal, and hope to see more people like him sprout within and without the ghetto walls which surround Bnei Brak and Mca She'arim\_

On the leadership level, Milo is the same man who preferred to remain shielded behind Shamir's apron and cabinet seat, rather than crusade for what he claims to have contended all the time, namely that Israel should concede land to the Palestinians. Milo emerged from this closet - by abstaining in the Knesset vote over the Oslo Accords - only well after the Likud's loss of power, and as part and parcel of a sycophantic tactic aimed at becoming liberal Tel Aviv's new champion, and mayor.

Now, true to this self-centered and non-leaderly record, Milo has - yet again - lifted his finger against the wind, captured the anti-religious mob's hunger for bread, games and rolling haredi heads, and threatened to launch a secular invasion of Bnei Brak if the sanctity of Saturday shopping is violated by the fully legal and evidently motal actions of a Sabbath-observing entrepreneur. It's time Milo understood that rather than see in him a noble crusader, Middle Israelis - while languishing in his dreary, peeling and sweating Tel Aviv's perennial traffic jams - expect him to focus on realizing his election promises to give that sorry metropolis a subway. Should be deliver on that one, we'll all be there to appland him. And as long as he hasn't, Milo would be wise to leave us alone as we seek less populistic, and more effective, ways to accommodate with haredi Israel.



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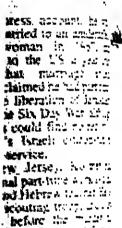
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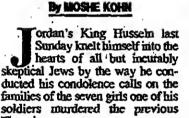
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# When Hussein knelt

ther, and... they join our enemies and fight against us..." (Exodus 1:1-

In the Egyptian's perception, just a couple of generations after Jacob and his 70 progeny went down to Egypt, the Jews already outnumbered and outpowered the natives. Shades of the findings of publicopinion surveys in several Western lands to the effect that large segments of the public believe their countries have tens of millions of Jews. And shades of "The Jews control all the..." and "...aren't loyal."

Another classical form is that of Haman, the arch-villain of the

nism and capitalism with their respective evils; accuse them of colluding with Hitler's Germany to perpetrate the Holocaust in order to produce Israel; if you are PLO/PNA, convict them of not surrendering to your every demand.

WHAT WICKEDNESS of ours prompted Hussein's letter?

It seems that for a change, our prime minister had the temerity m look after our interests rather than those of Hussein or Yasser Arafat. For a moment we didn't capitulate to every Arab and American demand. For a moment we dared to firmly demand that our Arafatian interlocutors r-e-c-i-p-r-o-c-a-t-c, a concept that seems in have been expunged from the glossary of the Oslo Process.

(Deuteronomy 25:17-18) and Amalek's descendant Haman; the path of such cousins as Isaac's brother Ishmael's descendants including many Husseinis, Izzedin al-Kassam, Arafat himself, Hafez Assad, Saddam Hussein, and that murderous Jordanian soldier.

Continuing in that personal vein, Hussein told Netanyahu: "Your course of actions seems bent on destroying all I believe in or have striven to achieve with the Hashemite family since Faisal the First and Abdullah to the present

times."

graves and smashed or otherwise vandalized tens of thousands of tombstones, including the use of many of them as anny latrine floors" and walls. Father Peace himself thought he was joining the winning side when

he let Egypt's Gamal Abdul Nasser bamboozle him into attacking Israel in June 1967. And he pleaded "I am

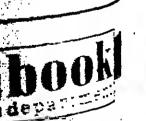
Western Wall, the Hebrew University and Hadassah Medical Organization facilities on Mt. Scopus, and the Mount of Olives worldwide. Jewish cemesery. At the latter, the porters to make this gesture Jordanians desecrated numerous

brough our columns. We only wish more readers, both here and abroad, took advantage of publicizing an event by sending a \$292 donation to three such worthy causes - for children, the elderly and new immigrants.

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cause for his condolences if he hadn't written that whining letter to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu a few days before the murder If I didn't think he meant it in all sincerity, I'd have considered it a

Purim joke - a bad one, as we saw just a few days later: we cannot dismiss the possibility that the letter created an atmosphere in which that soldier thought he would thus defend Hashemite honor.

The letter took one of the forms of classical antisemitism. The earliest recorded form of this is the one attributed to the Egyptian ruler who imposed slavery on the Jews sojourning in his land 33 centuries

That pharaoh, who ascended the throne some time after Joseph had saved the country from economic disaster, justifies his decision to enslave the Jews thus: "...the Children of Israel outnumber us and are too powerful for us. Let's ontwit them before they increase yet fur-

# Persian empire:

people, scattered among the many provinces of your realm, who keep themselves apart, whose laws and ways are different from those of every other people, and who do not keep your majesty's laws. It is not seemly for your majesty to tolerate them"" (Esther 3:8-13).

A third form, the one reflected in Hussein's letter, was expressed in the slogan that was popular in tsarist Russia, "Bey Zhidov, spassai Rossiyu!/Strike the Jew and save

If developments are not in your strike the liking, Jews/Zionists/Israelis - indict them for producing Jesus and arraign them for crucifying him; blame them for the Black Death; charge them with producing both commu-

# SHABBAT SHALOM



# By SHLOMO RISKIN

the Sabbath preceding Purim is called Shabbat Zachor, the Sabbath of Remembrance, a time to remember what the wicked nation Amalek did to the Israelites when we left Egypt. On this Sabbath, an extra Torah scroll is opened to the section in Deuteronomy dealing with Amalek. Interestingly enough, the Amalek battle first appears in Exodns, which will be read on Purim morning. The Exodus passage closes a sequence that opens with the crossing of the Red Sea: "And then came Amalek and fought with Israel in Rephidim ... And God said to Moses 'Write this for a memorial in the book and rehearse it in the ears of Joshna, for I will utterly blot out [embe] the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven" (Ex.17:8-16).

Here the Amalek attack appears in its historical context. However, in Deuteronomy the reference appears in a portion rich with 27 positive and 47 negative commandments. And Amalek"? then comes the final commandment

Purim story: the Jews are clannish, different: get rid of them. Here are Haman's own words in asking King Ahasuerus for a royal edict ordering the extermination of the Jews of the There is a certain unassimilated

Russia!"

Hussein wrote as if there were no premises other than his own concerning the Oslo Process, and as if all his premises were unimpeachably true - and also, for that matter, those of Arafat, and of US President Bill Clinton, the European Union, Russia - everybody's except Israel's.

He wrote as if he were Father Peace himself. "The saddest reality .\_ is that I do not find you by my side in working to fulfill God's will for the final reconciliation of all the descendants of the children of Abraham."

But Hussein omitted certain factors. He didn't mention that too many of those "children of Abraham" prefer the path of such of their more recent ancestors as Jacob/Israel's grandnepbew (through his brother, Esan) Amalek

Faisal L Hussein's granduncle, who after World War I was king of Syria for five months and then of Iraq for 12 years, indeed, "welcomed the prospect of Jewish cooperation and in fact regarded it as essential to the realization of Arab

ambitions." The British and the French soon strangled that prospect. (See the richly documented A Peace to End All Peace by David Fromkin,

N.Y., Avon, 1989). Abdullah, Hussein's grandfather, wanted to be "King of All Palestine" - i.e., his Transjordan merged with what was Mandatory Western Palestine. In pursuit of that goal, he was one of six Arab rulers who sent their annies to crush newborn Israel in 1948. During that war and in its aftermath, he ordered or tolerated the destruction or desecration of all the

Jewish holy places in Jerusalem's eastern sector that he occupied.

Afterwards neither he nor his successors, including our Father Peace, abided by the Israel-Jordan annistice agreement, according to which we were to enjoy free access to the

an Arab" when he supported irag's Saddam Hussein in the Gulf War.

UNTIL THAT letter, King Hussein and his brother. Crown Prince Hassan, were the only Arab leaders or spokespersons in whose intentions and words of recent years many of us placed any trust at all however qualified

The tone of the letter suggested that Hussein was back to the old pan-Arab game of making no allowance for Jewish sensibilities and blaming all wrong turns on us. His visit last Sunday restored much of that trust.

But he must yet take at least two more steps before he earns it back in full

· End the finger-pointing at the Jews/Zionists/Israel;

· Expange from his country's lexicon the fake history of the cenury-old Arab-Jewish conflict circulating under his imprimatur (see my column of March 7) and start courageously expounding the truth about it.

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# **Destroying the concept of evil**

"Remember what Amalek did m you by the way, when you were coming out of Egypt how he met you by the way, and smote your hindmost, all that were feeble in the rear when you were faint and weary, and feared not God, Therefore it shall be, when the Lord your God has given you rest from all your enemies round about, in the land which the Lord your God gives you ... that you shall blot out [timbe] the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven" (Deut. 25:17-19)

These passages raise a number of questions. First, the passage in Deuteronomy would seem far more appropriate in Exodus, since it gives more details about the attack. Second, in Exodus, the word is embe, while in Deuteronomy it is timhe, you must blot out Amalek. Who will actually do the job? Third, if we've already been given rest from our enemies, why do we have to bother with Amalek? And if Amalek is still our enemy, what kind of rest is it?

Finally, why a special Sabbath for remembering Amalek, when during the reading of the Book of Esther we blot out Haman's name with the noise of a "grogger" in symbolic remembrance of "blotting out

To answer these questions, we

Kings, Ch. 5, where he codifies the commandment regarding the destruction of the seven indigenous nations of Canaan. Maimonides concludes that this directive is now obsolete, since "their identity has been lost" (Sennacherib, King of Assyria, forcibly confounded the peoples he captured). Yet in the very next law, when Maimonides codifies that we have to destroy Amalek, he does not mention a word about their identity having been lost.

On this basis, my revered rebbe Rav J.B. Soloventchik quoted his grandfather, Rav Haim of Brisk, who distinguished between the physical nation of Amalek that once lived near Canaan and the concept of evil identified with Amalek. This latter Amalek exists in every generation - and must be continuously destroyed.

With this in mind, our two passages make more sense.

The verses in Exodus describe a physical anack on a vulnerable people. Thus threatened, the Istaclites had to counter-attack. And since we: are the people of God's covenant, after we have done whatever we can. the Abrighty promises that He will finish the job: "I will blot out Amalek."

But Amalek is not merely a specif- Amalekite influence.

must turn to Maimonides's Laws of ic nation at a specific moment. Amalek rejects the idea that Israel is a unique and eternal nation, whose mission is to perfect the world with ethical monotheism. Hence, the spiritual heirs of Amalek include the Nazis, the Soviet communists, and those Arabs who will not rest until we disappear from the Land.

And if Amalekism is a concept that denies the uniqueness of our people, it can even rear its ugly head from within the nation itself.

"Remember what Amalek did to you by the way [baderech, by the road], when you came out of Egypt" (Deut. 25:17). Note that the text does not state "when you you were on the way to Israel"! We will always be vulnerable to Amalekite propaganda from within when we lose sight of our national goal of statehood, and its accompanying ideal that "from Zion shall come forth Torah, and the

word of God from Jerusalem." In this instance we were on our way out of Egypt, but had not yet

begun to direct our sights toward Israel. "How he met you by the way \_\_\_\_

[asher korcha baderech]." The word korcha (met you) resembles the word mikre, meaning chance or accident. Whoever sees history as happenstance leaves himself open to

The Hebrew word korcha is also related to kor (cold), teach the Hassidic commentaries. The Israelise ardor for God had already cooled - and so we were ready to give up on our uniqueness. "And they cut off all those lagging to the rear, and you were tired and

exhausted" (Deut. 25:18). People never tire from activity on behalf of a clear goal. When one loses a sense of purpose, then exhaustion sets in. Without the will to succeed, Israel sets the stage for its own defeat.

Therefore, especially when you're finally living in the land of Israel, at rest from your enemies, you will be most vulnerable to Amalek's blandishments. "We want to be a nation like all other nations," we say to ourselves at every opportunity.

That's why Deuteronomy says, "you must blot out the memory of Amalek" - we cannot leave it up to God. We must rediscover our own singular destiny.

We are commanded to blot out Amalek on Shabbat, for without having experienced the vision of Shabbat we will never succeed against Amalek's insidiousness. More than Israel has remembered the Sabbath, the Sabbath has taught Israel to remember."

Shabbat Shalom & Happy

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Yossi Beilin

THE WEEK THAT WAS

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# PM's somersault spins heads

### By MICHAL YUDELMAN

ulky he may be, but Prime Minister Binyamin D Netanyahu managed to surprise followers and opponents alike with an acrobatic policy back-flip. Trying to follow it gave Palestinians a pain in the neck,

Netanyahu's more devious supporters said his proposal to cut directly to permanent settlement negotiations and dispeose with the interim Oslo agreemeots was a good way to avoid Oslo pitfalls. What they really meant was that it is a good way to circumvent the entire Oslo process.

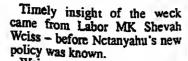
The moribund Labor opposition at first was not sure how to regard this somersault. Sbimoo Peres and Yossi Beilin said it was oot a bad idea. Ehud Barak said it depends.

Only Ephraim Sneh had a quick-fire response: "Netanyahu doesn't want a permanent settlement. He wants a permaneot war.'

"Har-Homa was only the beginning of Netanyahu's campaign to sabotage the Oslo ioterim agreements," said Sneh. "He doesn't begin to understand what a disaster he is hringing on us." To eosure there were oo misun-

derstandings. Netanyahu made it clear the new policy had nothing to do with any idea of a national unity government. His government needs broad public support, not a change in composition, hc

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Weiss said every time Netanyahu tries to edge towards peace in a decent, non-provoca-

tive way, he proves he cannot pull it off without Labor's help. "Now look at what a ridiculous position Labor has put itself in." said Weiss.

"It's offering Netanyahu a parliamentary safety net to do something he cannot possibly do without the opposition. Netanyahu then takes credit for it and adds 'only the Likud can.'

Well, the Likud can't. I say to them, if you can do it, fine. If you can't, quit. Or make Labor a serious offer of partnership on the basis of the peace process and a fair division of portfolios and responsibility."

### IN DEFENSE OF MINISTRY

Labor front-runner Ehud Barak fired a leadership cannon with an oncompromisiog stand against the oational unity government idea

If Peres keeps coyly edging towards such an arrangement, Barak seems determined to lead the Labor sectors opposed to the idea. "I can see oo reason to join this rotteo government of dis-grace and failure," says he. He didn't add, "especially if Shimon Peres while still party leader gets



MK Shevah Weiss's insight of the week: Netanyahu needs Labor more than he thinks he (Isaac Harari) does.

offered the senior portfolio."

The unvarnished fact is no one has made any offer. This in no way inhibits Peres and a group of hopeful MKs from launching armadas of Purim trial balloons.

Pure seasonal fantasy? Well, maybe not entirely. At a meeting between Peres and several parliamentarians in Jerusalem's prestigious Taverna restaurant this week, the MKs received a distinct impression from Peres that Netanyahu has actually made up his mind to seek a unity govern-

Or rather, they understood that in Peres's recent tete-a-tete with Netanyahu, the two had not only discussed the issue hut agreed that if, perchance, a unity government should miraculously surface. Pcres would be the defense minister.

That raises the question of whether Netanyahu is considering a unity government for the talks on a permanent settlement. Peres and the MKs discussed the party's position. The guess was Peres could be assured of 70 percent support in the Labor central committee if a cast-iron offer were made. Some MKs also expressed coofidence that even Barak could be persuaded to bury his objections if offered a portfolio that was "heavy-duty" enough.

Like defense. Ah, but how uofortunate that ooe already appears spoken for - if only in the alleged Bibi-Peres conversation. Peres hotly denied "galloping" beadlong with the unity bit between his teeth. But he did stress he would do anything to save the peace process.

Back in reality land, it remains clear even to Peres that a unity government idea could not be discussed until the Bar-On affair is concluded - and then only if Netanyahu emerges from it spotless.

By which time, Purim and its whimsy will have passed and, as usual, we will be somewhere else.

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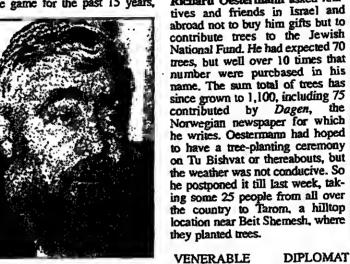
# a sex symbol?

### By GREER FAY CASHMAN

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**THILE THEY might have** some reservations about his leadership abilities, few people would doubt the pegotiating skills of Labor leadership hopeful Yossi Beilin. Sex appeal is another question altogether. But apparently it's goiog to be an issue in the upcoming leadership elec-tions. Otherwise, why would a group calling itself Women for Yossi Beilin be campaigning on his behalf?

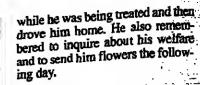
MOST OF the real heavyweights in the insurance business were amongst the 350 insurance agents and brokers who attended the three-day Insurance '97 conference at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza in Jerusalem. But the participant most familiar to other guests mingling in the lobby was former star hoopster Tal Brody, who 20 years ago led Maccabi Tel Aviv to victory in the European Cup finals. In the insurance game for the past 15 years,



#### Levy: Scrutinizer of mezuzot (Isaac Harari)

Brody still stumbles over Hebrew grammar, but he's right on the ball when it comes to policies.

SOMETHING ISN'T kosher in the ministerial realm. Not every govemment minister takes the trouble to check out whether the mezuzot in his domain are kosher. But considering that Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy comes from the National Religious camp, it was on the cards that he would eventually get around to examining the mezuzot in his orbit. Of the 180 mezuzot that he looked at, 175 were flawed. To Levy, this signi-



HAVING CELEBRITIES in the neighborhood makes life that much simpler for community organizations casting around for a guest speaker. The committee of the Beit Yisrael congregation io Jerusalem's picturesque Yemin io Moshe neighborhood didn't have to look very far when it launched, its new lecture series. Distinguished poet Yehuda Amichai happily responded to the invitation to talk and read from his own works at the congregation's recently restored synagogue.

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THEY'RE NOT part of a regular group, none of them has Irish roots; but they all love Irish music. Which made St. Patrick's Day as good a reason as any for singers and instrumentalists Mike Edelman from England, Aron Gutman and Andrea Jacobs from the US and.



Goldie's secret? 'Green Juice'

Israeli Vered Eyal to get together . informally at Jerosalem's quaint. eatery-cum-hbrary Tmol Shilshom. Eyal, a fluist and singer, is actually a member of a band which specializes in Irish music, but she had no trouble harmonizing with Edelman, Gutman and Jacobs, whose spirited jigs and melancholy dirges started at 11 p.m. and continued to well beyond the witching hour.

SHEER SURVIVAL has contributed to the popularity of elder statesman Abba Eban, who is much in demand these days to share his reminiscences of events leading up to the United Nations

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Brody on the ball

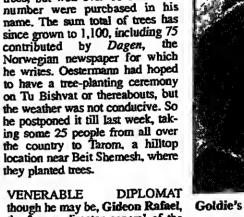
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hand. With elections coming up, he

figured it just wasn't right for his

WHEN HE turned 70 last May.

Jerusalem-based journalist Richard Oestermann asked rela-



on Tu Bishvat or thereabouts, but the weather was not conducive. So he postponed it till last week, taking some 25 people from all over the country to Tarom, a hilltop location near Beit Shemesh, where though he may be, Gideon Rafael, the former director general of the Foreign Ministry, is oot backward in coming forward. In fact when be rose to both make a statement and

(David Philipson)



#### ACROSS

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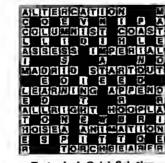
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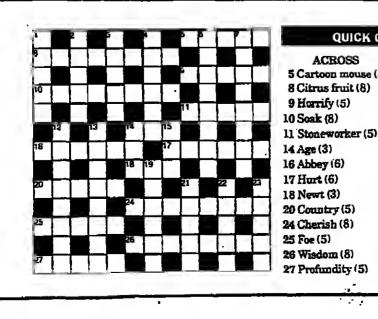
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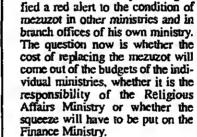
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CONSIDERING HIS own opposi-tion to smoking, Oded Lifshitz, general manager of the Israel Hiltons, did not put in an appearance to greet members of the cigar smokers club when they met for dinner this week at the Tel Aviv Hilton where he is headquartered. But the hotel's resident manager Ronald van Weezel who has been smoking cigars since 1988 when he gave up cigarettes, was puffing in style along with television person-ality Yigal Shilon who is president of club and Tel Aviv Mayor Roni Milo who happily puffed away at a somewhat smaller version of what Christopher Columbus described as a fire stick. While he obviously relished his smoke, Milo refused to be photographed with a cigar in his



#### Otmert: On a collision course (Isaac Harari)

ask a question following the address by US ambassador Martin Indyk to the Israel Council on Foreign Relations, he ignored the microphones on either side of

the Laromme Hotel's banquet room and mounted the dais to usurp Indyk's own position. There was much good-natured laughter from the many diplomats and policy makers in attendance.

THERE ARE few things that will prevent Jerusalem mayor Ehud Olmert from attending a weekend soccer match. But there are times when civic responsibilities take priority over his enthusiasm for the game. Earlier this mooth, for instance, he was involved in a mild collisioo with one of his constituents

Olmert himself evacuated the man from his car, drove him to Magen David Adom, hung around

resolution on the partition of Palestine and the subsequent establishment of the State of Israel. Eban, who has outlived most of the leading figures in that particular chapter of Jewish history, is cur-. rently in New York, where he is being swamped with requests to tell it as it was.

IN ADDITION to being a fitness freak, Goldie Hawn, 51, maintains, her youthful image with a daily dose of Green Juice, the ingredients of which are celery, parsley and green pepper. She also steers clear of sugar and dairy products, but occasionally indulges in burgers and French fries." Kurt Russell, who is Hawn's significant other, this week celebrated his 46th birthday.

IN HIS screen roles, Walter Matthau is often cast as the antiheroic victim of circumstance. It happens to him in real life as well. Matthau paid out an advance of . \$93,000 to a contractor to have his home renovated, but the work wasnot completed, leaving Matthau out of pocket and in a mess. The matter will be settled in court.

# Positive Health Weekend **3 DAY SEMINAR ON COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE**

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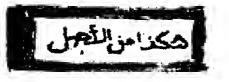
massage therapy, herbal medicine, aromatherapy, nutrition, body language, women's health issues, hand diagnostics, and more. On our way, we'll visit the Beduin and learn about their natural herbal cures. We'll be staying at the new Beersheba Hilton with five star facilities.

# The dates: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, April 10, 11, 12, 1997.

The price: NIS 975 per person in a double room. Includes round-trip transportation from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, two breakfasts, two dinners, one lunch (Shabbat), participation in all workshops, discussions, lectures, etc., guided tour with the Beduin, use of hotel facilities, etc. Pick-up and drop-off along the route where possible and arranged beforehand.

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# By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

# Ampal-American invests \$1m. in Unic View

Ampal-American Israel Corporation, a New York-based company that acquires interests in businesses located in Israel or that are Israel-related, has announced an investment of \$1 million to acquire a 7.25 percent interest in Unic View Ltd., a privately held Israeli company.

Unic View manufactures and markets a liquid-screen display projector for video, large-screen television and computer projection systems and is developing a new projector engine for home use.

# **Check Point licenses Security-7's technology**

Check Point Software Technologies Ltd. (Nasdaq: CHKPF) has announced that it will integrate Security-7 Ltd.'s technology into its FireWall-1 Internet and intranet security solution. Check Point's FireWall-1 product is designed to enable secure network connectivity, while Security-7 develops a technology that detects and blocks applets that can infiltrate and damage a computer network.

Security-7 competed with Finjan for the license.

# **ESC Medical receives FDA approval**

ESC Medical Systems Ltd. (Nasdaq: ESCMF) has announced that it has received clearance from the US Food and Drug Administration to market its Topaz 30 surgical CO2 laser system in the US.

The system is used for both general and surgical dermatological applications, including fast-growing skin resurfacing applications. ESC Medical manufactures a host of medical devices that treat such conditions as varicose veins, hair removal and skin cancer.

# HP shows its smarts on Internet transactions

Hewlett-Packard Co. (NYSE: HWP), the international computer company based in northern California, has announced a new line of products that will allow businesses and home-computer users to safely conduct transactions or work on confidential husiness projects over the Internet or via intranets. The Praesidium line, a smart-card system which is due for

release next month, is designed to make Internet commerce and intranet business more secure.

### NetManage sells to CommerzBank

NetManage, Inc. (Nasdaq: NETM) has announced that Commerzbank AG of Germany has selected its Chameleon NFS software for its 10,000 PCs.

The size of the deal was not disclosed by the Frankfurt-based bank or the computer firm. NetManage, which has three R&D centers in Israel, develops an integrated set of application, server and development tool software for the Microsoft Windows, Windows 95, Windows NT and Mac OS platforms.

### Nice signs \$530,000 Austrian air deal

Nice Systems Ltd. (Nasdaq: NICEY) of Tel Aviv has signed a deal to sell \$530,000 worth of its digital voice-logging and archiving systems to the Austrian Air Traffic Control Anthority .-"The system, called the NiceLog Digital Voice-Logging System; records air traffic.

The company has customers in the United States, Germany, Hong Kong, Israel, Hungary, Romania, Norway, Holland, Iceland and Switzerland.

# **Meridor: Slash tariffs** on Jordanian imports

#### By DAVID HARRIS

lsrael must reduce, and in some cases altogether remove, tariffs on imports from Jordan, whether in a joint agreement or unilaterally, Finance Minister Dan Meridor said yesterday.

Speaking in Jerusalem at the first national symposium on expanding trade with neighboring states, Meridor admitted that too much bureaucracy nn the Israeli side is hindering the development of economic ties, particularly in infrastructure prnjects along the Jordan Valley.

Meanwhile, senior Treasury and Foreign Ministry officials called on Jordan to consider entering negotiations to create a free-trade agreement, which could also include the Palestinian Authority.

Pointing to recent hordercrossing tariff reductions from the Israeli side, both for freight and passengers (including the reduction of levies on workers from \$5 to \$2). Meridor said the Jordanians have so far failed to respond in kind, despite requests from Israel.

"There really should be equivalent reductions there, hut even if they are not forthcoming, it's still worth our while lowering customs and other duties unilaterally," said Meridor. A hilateral agreement with

Jordan would be favorable, said



prevent trade and joint ventures between the two countries." said the Jordanian official.

However, the official rejected the calls for immediate talks on free-trade agreement.

Outgoing Treasury director-general David Brodet said such a step, first with the Jordanians, then the Palestinians, with Lehanon and Syria entering down the line, is a direction that has to be pursued.

"We know how to export in

terms of hillions to the US, Europe, Far East, Australia and New Zealand," said Brodet. "Yet to the border at Allenhy [Bridge], just tens of kilometers away, we can't even move a truck without a problem."

"In terms of the economics you could certainly do it very easily," said Harvard University Middle East economist Robert Lawrence. "It all hinges on the political situation in Jordan." There is certainly a degree of optimism in government about the commencing of negotiations over a free-trade area with Jordan. "I hope this will bappen soon," said Foreign Ministry deputy director-general for economic affairs, Oded Eran. Turning his attention to the

Israeli bureaucracy, Eran said there has to be greater coordination on the part of interested Israeli organizations. "We must speed things up, especially in the Akaba-Eilat area, where things are simply not mnving. Look at the [joint lsraeli-Jordanian] airport - there are differences of opinion as to

which model to adopt." One solution to the security issues involved in imports and exports in the region would be the creation of joint Middle East transportation companies, suggested Israel Institute of Transportation Planning and Research general manager

(David Rubinger)

Gideon Hashimshony, Grain shortage looms in Balkans

ZAGREB (Reuter) - Political upheaval, economic turmoil and Europe, once rich in grain, struggling to meet its requirements for staple bread.

Serbia, long considered the bread basket of the Balkans, faces

least seven years to raise output to pre-1991 levels, according to a the aftermath of war in former, senior government official. The Yugoslavia has left southeastern ... country faces a shortage after its worst harvest in 25 years and excessive exports last year. Industry sources say Yugoslavia

500,000 refugees, analysts say.

recently bought up to 100,000 tons from Argentina, France,

Want to keep in close touch with your securities till 11 PM?

By Jerusalem Post Staff Japanese trading company Nissho Iwai Corporation is to become a major shareholder alongside the Dankner Group's Matav Cable Systems Media in the private Polish RP Telekom, following a deal estimated to be worth \$26 million over three years, the company announced this week. Dankner, whose Matav Cahle

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is a regional cable TV operator, is among the leaders of a multinational gronp of investors which is involved in the privatizatinn of Poland's telephone services.

Matav, founded in 1987 by Dankner Investments, is shared hy Dankner with Hapoalim Electronic Communications and Hanania Gihstein, with each bolding about 20 percent of the company.

In a notice to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange this week, Dankner reported that an agreement was signed Tuesday between Shamrock Holdings, Nissho lwai & General Electric, Wall Street firm Goldman Sachs, and Matav.

According to the agreement, each partner will hold 11.8% of shares.



ests. The minister's words were welcomed hy a Jordanian eco-nomic official, who snggested

the joint technical groups should examine the various possibilities for tariff reductions. "Through these committees we can eliminate whatever unnecessary harriers there are, that

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Laromme Hotel, 02-675-6666, March 22-24 or Tel Aviv Hilton, 03-527-2711, March 25-27 for personal interview

Oded Eran: Free-trade talks soon. Customs and VAT Director Motti Ayalon. However, failing this, a unilateral move would certainly not harm Israel's economic inter-

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Orgenics, AltaRex get \$600,000 funding

Israel's Orgenics (Amex: GNX) and AltaRex Corp., which is based in the Canadian state of Alberta, have announced that they received approval of \$600,000 in funding support from the Canada-Israel Industrial Research and Development Foundation for a joint research and development project. The project will comhine the technical and commercial exper-

tize of the two companies in the development of invitro immunoassays that can monitor the treatment progress of cancer patients from a doctor's office. The companies will share the funding equally.

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a protracted struggle to get its har-Germany, Austria and Hungary. Yugoslavia needs around vests hack up to historic levels.

Albania said Tuesday it faced a serious food crisis because of looting of government reserves and the collapse of the trading system during the current unrest. Officials hope that the special highly paid government police can prevent further looting of grain reserves, estimated at 80.000 tons.

Bulgarians have been queuing for bread. The prosecutor-general is investigating whether charges of negligence would be justified against the ex-farm minister for exporting more than 827,280 tons of grain for 7.141 hillion levs (NIS 16 million) from the 1994-1995 harvest

Romania, once an exporter, may have to import to cover grain shortages in the first balf of this year.

Croatia is likely to have to import wheat this year, despite an increase in output, and farmers in Hungary cannot afford fertilizer.

Western experts see imports slowing and harvests getting higger. But exact figures are hard to pinpoint, they said in response to a Reuters survey of the region's grain crisis.

"Unfortunately agricultural production here is in the hands of God and the entire production relies on weather conditions." one Balkan government official said.

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| Norwegian krone                                    | 0.4862           | 0.4941              | 0.47             | 0.51         | 0.4011           |
| Danish krone                                       | 0.5172           | 0.5258              | 0.50             | 0.54         | 0.5226           |
| Finnish mark                                       | 0.6567           | 0,6673              | 0:64             | 0.66         | 0.6618           |
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- 1. TO APPROVE an increase in the amount of cover of the Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance Policies of the Bank and the Group by an additional U.S.\$10 million.
- 2. TO APPROVE the granting of an indemnity to the Directors and other Officers of the Bank in connection with the prospectus of the Bank.
- 3. TO APPROVE the payment of a bonus to the Chairman of the Board of Directors in connection with his contribution to the realization of the Bank's surplus holdings in real corporations.

A member entitled to attend and vote may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote on his or her behalf. A proxy need not be a member of the Bank.

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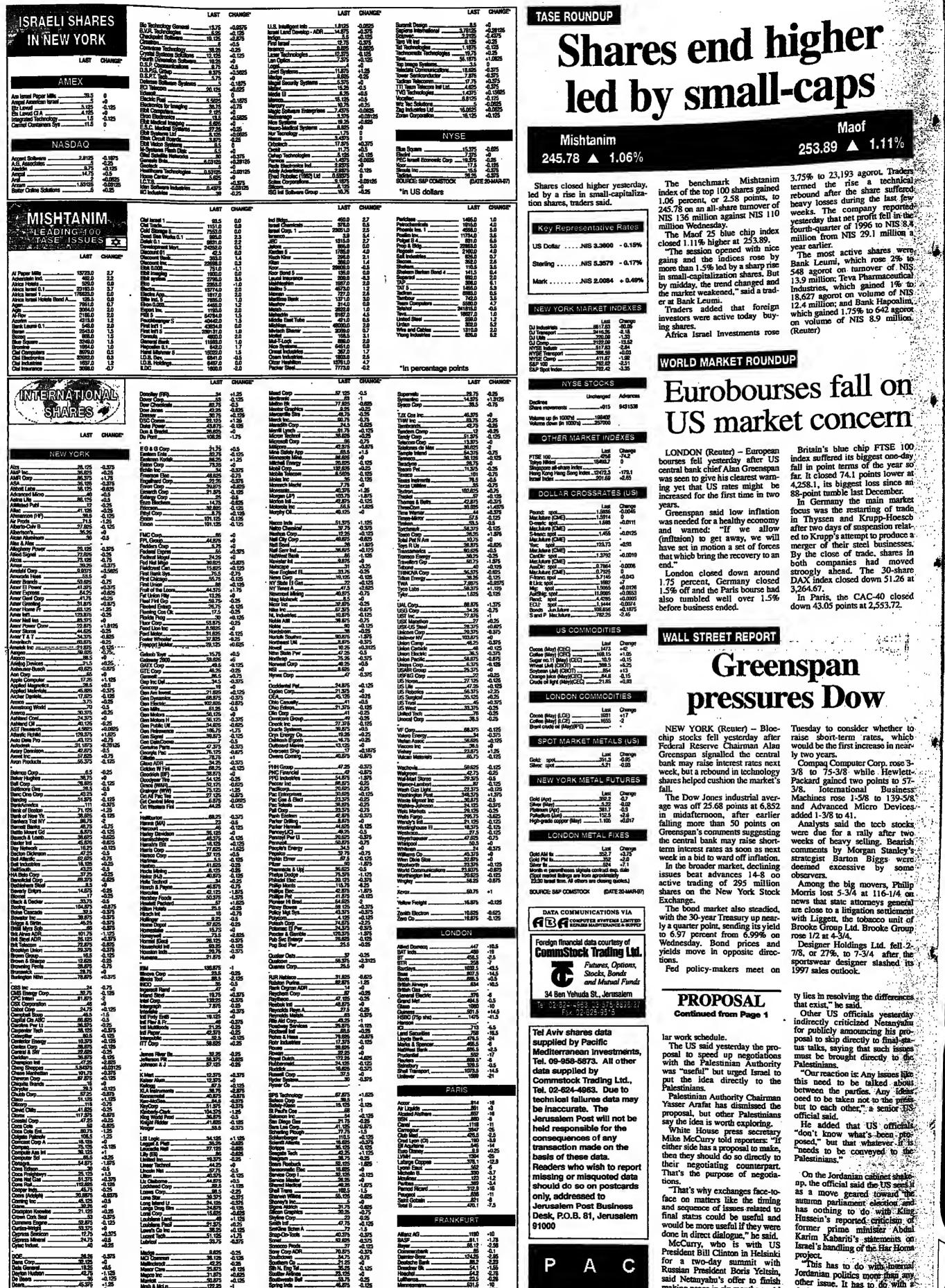
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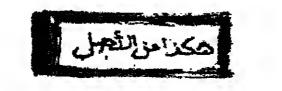
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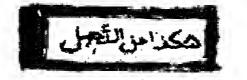
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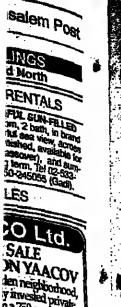
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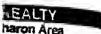
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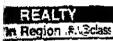
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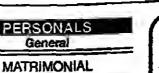
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(a subsidiary of Assicurazioni Generali S.p.A.) That pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Securities Regulations (Purchase Offer). 5754-1994 the Offeror submitted, on 20.3.1997 to the Securities Authority, the Companies Registrar, the Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange Ltd. (hereinafter: "TASE") and to Leumi Insurance Holdings Ltd. (hereinafter: "the Company"), a second amendment to the Specification deted 12.3.1997, to the Acquisition Offer addressed to all holders of Ordinary Sheres of NIS 0.01 n.v. each of the Company, for the purchase from them of up to 317,124,199 shares in the Company (hereinafter: "the Specification"), as amended on 20.3.1997. The amendments are as follows:

The second paragraph in section 8.3.1 will be emended to read: \*Acceptance Notice of a Registered Holder may be given within the period set forth in Section 6.2.3 ebove, at the offices of the Offer Coordinator as atoresaid, or for the Offer Coodinetor at the offices of Mr. David Nathan, Kessel Fainstein. Chartered Accountants. (SA), 137 Daisy St., cnr Grayston Drive Sandown 2196, South Africa - provided thet the shareholder was registered as a share owner on the determining date, in the Register of Members of the Company. Such a registered holder may sell shares to the Offeror under this Purchase Offer, in a number not exceeding 42.202% of the shares which were registered in his name on the Determining Date; provided that chares in the said number be held by him et the dey of the delivery of the Acceptance Notice."

Section 8.3.5 of the Purchase Offer shall be amended to read:

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The full Hebrew text of the Specification end the amendments thereto are the

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## in brief

# Jerusalem man dies from gas poisoning

A 79-year-old man was found dead in his home in Jerusalem yesterday, having apparently died from inhaling carbon monox-ide emitted by a heater. He is the fourth person to have died from gas inhalation in the capital this week.

#### Two killed in van-car collision

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#### Pilot critically injured in crash

Crop duster Uzi Afek, 48, of Beit Hanun, was cridcally injured yesterday afternoon when the plane be was flying crashed into two electricity poles and then crash-landed. He had been spraying pesticides on the fields at Moshav Eshbol when the accident occurred. He was rushed to Beersheba's Soroka Hospital, where be is being treated for head injuries. ltim

#### Six Hai Vekayam activists arrested

Six Hai Vekayam activists were arrested yesterday afternoon for trying to force their way onto the Temple Mount and pray there. Police stopped them at an entrance to the Mount and took them to the Old City's Kishle police station for questioning. One of those arrested, the son of Hai Vekayam founder Ychuda Etzion, said the group had decided recently to step up efforts to pray on the Temple Mount.

#### Two pirate radio stations shut

Communications Ministry inspectors, accompanied by policemen, yesterday shut down two pirate radio stations: Galei Ashdod and Radio Sky. The Ashdod station was broadcasting to the center of the country, the coastal plain and the South. Radio Sky, which in a previous incarnation was known as Radio Style and shut down, broadcast from a mobile home at Moshav Shetulim. The stations' operators, who have criminal records, were arrested. Judy Siegel

### PM makes unplanned stop on trip North

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's belicopter made an unscheduled landing at the military section of Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday morning due to engine trouble. Shortly after taking off from Jerusalem, the pilot said the engine did not sound right, so instead of continuing to Tel Hai for an Adar 11 commemoration, he headed to the airport. The helicopter was Itim repaired and Netanyahu continued his trip.

#### Adar Bet 5757

# Gifts for the Needy

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#### Victims remembered

Larry Belkin, whose wife, Gail, and mother-in-law were killed in last year's Dizengoff Center suicide bombing, lights memorial candles at a ceremony at the site yesterday.

(Ilan Ossendryven/Israel Sun)

# Deri aide rumored fired

### By SARAH HONIG

Shas mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef has sacked MK Aryeh Deri's aide, Yehuda Avidan, from all his positions in the party, Shas sources reported yesterday. Other party sources are denying it. Deri refused to comment. According to the reports,

he strove to keep Avidan but was overnled by Yosef. There are rumors in Shas that Avidan committed a grave transgression in his personal life, which in

Yosef's eyes made him unfit to serve the party. Some Shas sources said that Yosef had for weeks been incensed at Avidan, because of his statements to the press oo the eve of the Hebron agreement vote in the cabinet, in which he warned that Shas might vote

against the deal. Avidan at the time said that Yosef had ordered a vote against the Hebron deal, while Yosef had not, the sources said,

Avidan's statements are seen in the party as a major reason the media was prompted to investigate the circumstances surrounding the appointment of Roni Bar-On as attorney-general.

Yosef is also reported unhappy with how Avidan handled reports that the police were thinking of ques-tioning Yosef during the investigation of the Bar-On Affair.

Yitzhak Rabin.

tities, and neither the producers

Sources on the Right acknowl-

edged that the tape had been wide-

MKs Avi Yehezkel (Labor) and

we can proceed forward to the

final status negotiations, because

we can't begin with his

[Netanyahu's] bulldozers and

Sbaath said the Palestinians

would knock on every door in

their diplomatic campaign, but

would not use violence to protest

construction that began at Har

"We are going to use all the

political rules available to us. We

will do our best to keep utilizing

the political roles when there is an

opportunity – from the Islamic summit in Pakistan to the

Jerusalem summit in Rabat to a

proposed Arab summit, again and

again to the Security Council," he

Asked about yesterday's clashes

in Bethlehem, he said: "We are

using peaceful protest. The Israeli

army shoots at peaceful demon-

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sounding promises.

Homa this week.

(Itim)

nor the distributors are named.

However, most of those in Sbas who said Avidan was dismissed say the reason relates to his personal conduct, and has nothing to do with his public statemeots.

# **Right vs. left: Betar Jerusalem** host Taiba

### By ORI LEWIS

It's top against bottom in the National League this weekend, and never were the odds more in favor of the leaders than this time around.

But just to add a little spice to proceedings, the two clubs in question are Betar Jerusalem and Hapoel Taiba. In their two previous meetings, there was much excitement and apprehension as the fear of violence between the fans identified with the Israeli right, and those of the Arab sector would shift attention away from the action on the pitch.

Fortunately, in those two previous encounters, the pre-match tension was greatly exaggerated as the police turned out in force to keep friction between the two camps down to a minimum.

The first match in the Toto Cup at Teddy Stadium last August which ended in a goalless draw saw a handful of Taiba supporters hurt by stone-throwing Betar supporters, while in the second match the league fixture hosted by Taiba at Kiryat Eliezer ended without serious incident as the police took greater measures to keep the fans apart. Betar won that match 3-0.

Since then, the Taiba supporters, who have become deeply distressed by the failure of their side to show that they are capable of bolding their own in the National League, have had the occasional outhurst, but more often these have been against their own team. Tomorrow's featured match at Teddy Stadium will see the police turn out in full force again (if they are not otherwise preoccupied by matters far less sporting). But the result of the match looks to be a foregone conclusion. With still only 10 points to their name (com-

ing from three wins and one draw), Taiba will need nothing short of a miracle to stop Betar's inexorable march towards the

championship. Add to that Taiba's depleted lineup - they have no three players suspended and one injured - as opposed to Betar, who are at full strength and the script appears to be written for yet another Betar win and another Taiba defeat.

A second intriguing match sees Hapoel Petah Tikva, who have dropped to third place in the standings, take on Maccabi Tel Aviv at the National Stadium.

Petah Tikva did oot play last weekend becanse their ground was waterlogged and in midweek they lost 2-0 in extra time to second-placed Hapoel Beersheba in the State Cnp. Maccabi have regained their sparkling from from last season, so this should be a match with a full commitment from both sides.

With daylight saving time coming into effect today, the main kickoff time has been put back by one hour, with most matches kicking off at 16:00

This weekend's National League fixtures (all matches kick off tomorrow at 16:00 unless stated): Bnei Yehuda vs. Zafririm Holon, Hatikva Quarter; Betar Jerusalem vs. Hapoel Taiba, Teddy Stadium 17:45 (televised); Maccabi Tel Aviv vs. Hapoel Petah Tikva, National Stadium.

Also, Maccabi Herzliya vs. Maccabi Haifa, Herzliya; Hapoel Beersheba vs. Hapoel Kfar Sava, Beersheba; Hapoel Haifa vs. Hapoel Tel Aviv, Kiryat Eliezer 15:30; Maccabi Petah Tikva vs. Hapoel Jerusalem, Petah Tikva; Hapoel Beit She'an vs. Ironi Rishon Lezion, Beit She'an, today 15:00.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

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# Police investigate tape praising Jewish terrorists

Hundreds of copies of a tape late Yitzhak Rabin, Leah Rabin, with songs praising Jewish terrorists, including Baruch Goldstein, Yigal Amir, Ami Popper, and Yoram Skolnik, and deriding the

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Baruch Goldstein, who murdered 29 Arabs in the Machpela Cave in Hebron in February 1994, appears on the cover of the tape.

and Labor leader Shimon Peres,

are circulating in the territories,

police said.

The cover says the tape was proly distributed and that demand for duced to mark the third anniverthe recording was outstripping sary of the massacre, which supply. occurred on Purim. It also bills the tape as "the Jewish answer to the the tape and trying to determine Cameri Quintet." who produced it.

The 40-minute Hebrew tape contains such references as Anat Maor (Meretz) filed com-Goldstein, the great doctor who gave everyone kadurim" - which in Hebrew can be translated as either "pills" or "bullets" - and agenda on the issue. parodics of several well-known Hebrew songs. At the end of the Security Minister Avigdor tape there is a thank-you "to Bibi Kahalani make a personal effort to and Tzahi, because of whom Yitzhak is not here." The referlocate the producers and distribuences are to Prime Minister tors of the tape.

## VIOLENCE **Continued from Page 1**

Egyptian capital separately just as Syrian and Lebanese ministers were leaving, after talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Officials said Arafat would see Mubarak, while Gold would have talks with Mubarak's foreign policy adviser, Osama Baz.

Gold told reporters: "I'm here to convey a message from Israel to Egypt and we have a very new proposal about the peace process to discuss." He was apparently referring to Netanyahu's offer to complete the final status talks within six months, nearly two years earlier than planned.

The Palestinians have dismissed the plan as a trick. Palestinian negodator Nabil Shaath said their priority was to stop the Israelis building settlements such as the new one at Har Homa.

Why is it that the Israelis try to sell us things that have been sold several times before?" he said of the proposal. "What is important is that they implement what has been agreed upon and immediately stop the process of settlements and building in Jerusalem, so that

# SHABBAT

# **Continued from Page 1**

nostalgia anymore," he said. Now we are going for broke. The crisis has heightened."

Sinyamin Netanyahu, Justice Mioister Tzahi Hanegbi, and The intermarriage rate among American Jews is higher than 50 The voices of the performers percent, Bochwald noted. were altered to disguise their iden-

"For many Jews to walk into a synagogue in the 20th century is a heroic act," he said, adding that synagogues have to be transformed so that the unaffiliated are "welcomed and not fund-raised." Synagogues from New Orleans to Anchorage, Alaska, are participating in the program, which aims Police said they are examining to pack Friday night services on April 4. More than 100 Orthodox, 125 Conservative, and 225 Reform and Reconstructionist

synagogues have signed up. Jews who take the marketing plaints with the police and the attorney-general. Maor has also submitted an urgent motion for the bait can call a toll-free number and will be directed to the closest Yuval Rabin, the son of Yitzhak synagogue "to eat, drink, relax, Rabin, demanded that Internal dance, enjoy, debate, and cele-brate."

### SATELLITE **Continued from Page 1**

described as a micro-satellite, being just 48 cm. all round and weighing less than 50 kg., but it contains a big payload of technological hardware.

The satellite, covered with solar energy panels to provide the power to generate its operations, includes an ozone detector, as well as equipment for testing components in space and for investigating clouds.

Other components include an instrument designed to help linkups between amateur radio operators throughout the world, a new type of X-ray detector, a borizon finder and a micro-mini computer with minimal power A catchy jingle debuted last **\***/ week oo 1,500 radio stations across North America: "Shabbat across America - one people, one family, one love." "We want everyone singing

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along," said Melanie Notkin, the outreach program's marketing director, adding, "Our public service announcement is very a la MTV."

. Part of the \$500,000 marketing campaign includes billboards in major cities and ads in newspapers and magazines, such as Sports Illustrated, she said, adding, "But we wouldn't do it in the swimsuit issue. That would have been inappropriate."

"We want to market Jodaism like Nike markets sneakers. We call ourselves McDonald's because we are franchisers of Jewish programming," Notkin said. **D** 

"We've got to do mass marketing-it's the only way to reach the numbers we need to reach," she said, adding, "If it works for Nike, why not?"

requirements. The computer has been specially designed to rejuvenate itself over a period of three years or longer by antomatically replacing

Astrophysicist Prof. Giora Shaviv, head of the Technion's Asher Space Research Institute and the man behind the TechSat ment had been reached with the Russians to launch the satellite

"Our aim is to demonstrate that our philosophy of technology works, which if it does it will be a breakthrough, and also to carry out several very interesting and even unique experiments," Shaviv added

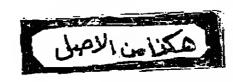
# Winning cards and numbers

In yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the ace of spades, the seven of hearts, the ace of diamonds and the jack of clubs. In last night's weekly Payis Hazak drawing, the holder of ticket num-

ber 347529 won NIS 1 million, while ticket number 447796 was good for a new car.

Those holding tickets numbered 668779, 834587, 274105, 191663, 229773, 625301, 584795 and 414660 all won NIS 5,000. Those bolding tickets ending in 31218, 15724, 77614, 38936, 74255, 64769, 57749, 93903, 92550, 69610, 56240, 58135, 92154, 74037.

71596, 22291, 17957, 86710 and 95237 all won NIS 1,000. Tickets ending in 407, 297, 029 and 916 all won NIS 100; in 35, 64, 05 and 11, NIS 30; in 65 and 26, NIS 20; and in 5 and 4; NIS 10.



Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara and Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said Israel could not expect to go on tricking the Arabs with fine-



parts burned out by the constant bombardment of cosmic rays. project, revealed that an agreethis summer, at a cost of \$400,000.

Post Friday, March 21, 1997

SPORTS

# Israeli cricketers blaze trail to Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) - Malaysia, which bans all relations with Good things are worth waiting for, but Happel Jerusalem fans had to wait far too Israel, will allow a group of Israeli sportsmen to visit the country for the first time to play in a cricket tournament.

Imran Ja'afar, president of the Malaysian Cricket Association, said in a statement yesterday that be has the government's permission for the Israeli team to participate in the 22-nation tournament beginning Monday.

It was not clear why the government reversed its policy, but Imran said he explained to authorities that the sport's governing body had allowed Malaysia to stage the tournament on the condition that Israel would be permitted to play.

The team, due to arrive today, will be given extra security, Imran's statement said, but gave no details.

The 21-day International Cricket Council Trophy will be played at 10

sites in and around Kuala Lumpur. The final is scheduled April 12. Only non-Test playing nations will participate, and the top three teams will qualify for the prestigious World Cup in England in 1999 while the top four Commonwealth nations will gain a place in the 1998 Commonwealth Games, to be held in Malaysia.

Malaysia, whose official religion is Islam, officially bans all contacts with Israel, including trade and visits by the people of each side.

But Malaysia has recently taken a more relaxed view. Early last year, Tuanku Abdullah Abdul Rahman, the brother of Malaysia's king, became the first Malaysian to visit Israel for business talks.

Since then, a few more business visits by Malaysians have been allowed

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said two months ago that Malaysia was still not ready for diplomatic ties with Israel.

# Lindros's 4 goals lift Flyers past Leafs

TORONTO (AP) - Eric Lindros unbeaten streak to five games as scored four goals and added two assists Wednesday night to power the Philadelphia Flyers to a 6-3 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs. Two of Lindros' goals came within a 72-second span in the third period.

Lindros's linemate, Mikael Renberg, had the other two Philadelphia goals.

With the victory, the Flyers moved back into first place in the Atlantic Division.

Stars 7, Coyotes 2 Joe Nieuwendyk scored twice and Mike Modano matched his career high with four assists as Dallas remained unbeaten at home in its last eight games.

Greg Adams, Darryl Sydor and Neal Broten all had a goal and an assist to belp the Stars atone for their last home loss, a 5-0 defeat to the Coyotes on February 12.

Red Wings 4, Bruins 1 Igor Larionov had two goals and an assist and Larry Murphy marked their home victory. his Detroit debut with a goal as the

Red Wings won at home.

# Bill Ranford stopped 29 shots as the Capitals battled to a tie.

Vincent Damphousse set up one

goal and scored another in the

third period as Montreal helped its

The Canadiens got off to a 2-0 start and allowed the Rangers to

tie them three times hefore

pulling it ont on Damphousse's

goal at 10:08 of the third period.

Damphousse assisted on Martin

Rucinsky's goal earlier in the

period that gave Montreal a 4-3

Conference playoff race. Travis

Green, Dan Plante, Randy Wood and Todd Bertuzzi also scored for

New York, which got 23 saves

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from goalie Tominy Salo.

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playoff hopes with an away win.

Ranford and the Capitals are 4-0-1 at home since the goaltender arrived in a trade with Boston on March 1. Washington is tied with idle Hartford for the eighth Eastern the third.

Conference playoff berth. Canadiens 5, Rangers 4

13 rebounds for his 38th doubledouble this season as New York won on the road.

but its two losses came against Mavericks and the New Jersey Nets.

putting away a Sixers team that is now 2-8 in March and was officially eliminated from the playoffs after Tuesday's loss.

Islanders 7, Panthers 4 Newcomer Robert Reichel had a goal and two assists in his debut with New York and the Islanders scored two shorthanded goals in rebounds.

Reichel's linemate, Zigmund Palify, scored twice and had an scored 22 despite shooting assist for the Islanders who are 13 in the second half. trying to get back into the Eastern Hornets 90, Cavaliers 72

# advance to State Cup final week slump left over from losses to Irkalis in Greece and at home earlier this week to Hapoel Galil Elyon. Suffice to say that team captain and offensive stalwart Adi Gordon

had just three points at halftime. More importantly, Jerusalem missed the presence of Motti Daniel, who left midway through the first half with his third foul. Without him, coach Gadi Kedar's clnb seemed content to hoist up three-pointers which did not fall, while Maccabi Ramat Gan played superb defense and worked for an open shot. The result was a welldeserved 30-25 lead for coach Effi Bimbaum's club at halftime.

Ramat Gan's Tony Massop scored the first basket of the second balf and

Maccabi Ramat Gan led by seven, hat then Jerusalem started the long climb back, Billy Thompson scoring to make it 35-34 Jerusalem with just over 15 minutes to

Ramat Gan still rallied back for a 40-37 advantage before Kedar decided to switch his club to a zone defense that worked wonders. Jerusalem went on a 20-2 run, keyed by three-pointers by Daniel and Doron Shefa.

Gordon also rediscovered his shooting eye, and when Shefa hit another threepointer, Jerusalem had blasted its way to a 57-42 advantage that knocked the fight out of Ramat Gan.

Lacking any real go-to guy on offense,

Ramat Gan tried desperately to get back into the game. Oren Aharoni and Roy Fisher mo the game. Oren Anarom and Koy Platet led the charge, but it was too little, too late, giving defending State Cap champion Hapoel Jerusalem its rightful place in the final, where they will once more be matched np against Maccabi Tel Aviv, whom they beat for the title last year on Conden's hurter besting that Gordon's buzzer-beating shot.

for Jerusalem with 16, while Fisher had 17, and Ramat Gan's only three foul shot attempts of the night, yet another reason for their defeat.

# Malone passes Jerry West as 10th all-time scorer

Hap Jerusalem, Maccabi TA

BOSTON (AP) - Karl Malone became the 10th leading scorer in NBA history Wednesday night, scoring 32 points as the Utah Jazz

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

long for their team to awaken from its

offensive slumber and polish off Maccabi

Ramat Gan, 65-60 in last night's State Cup

Eliyahu, Maccahi Tel Aviv routed Maccabi

Kirvat Motzkin, as expected, 97-75.

In the other semifinal played at Yad

Hapoel Jerusalem and Maccabi Tel Aviv

will clash in the State Cup final to be played

Jerusalem's offense was stalled some-

where on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway

during the first half, continuing its two-

semifinal.

on April 10.

The Celtics, with 22 losses in their last 24 games, have the NBA's second-worst record and showed why in two stretches - a 13-0 Utah run late in the second period and a 12-0 surge to start

New York has won nine of 11,

the flu-stricken Allan Houston,



margin of the season and matched its best defensive first half of the season by holding the Grizzlies to 33 points in the first two quarters. James Robinson, who scored eight points and hit two of his four 3-pointers during the second-quar-ter run, finished with 18 points. Sam Mitchell added 17 points off the bench, and Tom Gugliotta and Dean Garrett each had 15. Garrett recorded his 12th double-double of the season, grabbing 11 rebounds.

Clippers 108, Kings 98 Malik Sealy scored 16 of his 27

points in the final 7:41 as the Clippers strengthened their hold on a playoff spot with a home victory that extended Sacramento's losing streak to seven games.

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The Clippers, clinging to the seventh spot in the Western Conference, hold a two-game lead over Sacramento and a 2%-game margin over Phoenix.

Mitch Richmond led the Kings with 29 points despite missing his first seven shots of the second half. The Kings' losing skid is their longest since an 11-game slide in February of last season. They recovered in time from that one to earn their first playoff berth since . 1986.

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# Knicks 111, 76ers 100

Patrick Ewing had 30 points and

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And the Knicks had trouble Larry Johnson added 21 for New

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week in a league game which could provide a good preview of the final. Daniel and Gordon tied for high scorers

Darren McCarty added a pair of assists for the Red Wings. Jean-Yves Roy scored his sixth goal for Boston, which finished 1-9-2 against Central Division focs this season.

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Glen Rice had 22 points and Anthony Mason added 16 points and 14 rehounds as Charlotte avenged its worst loss of the sea-28 points in the fourth quarter to son with a home win.

Vlade Divac had 16 points, seven assists, six rebounds and five blocks for the Homets, who lost 106-73 to the Cavaliers in Cleveland on January 25 in the most lopsided game of the season for both teams. This time, the Homets took the lead for good less than 90 seconds into the contest and went on to their eighth victory in 10 games.

Danny Ferry and Bohby Phills had 13 points each for the Cavaliers, who lost for the fourth time in six games and were held to the lowest point total by a Charlotte opponent this season. Raptors 99, Pistons 97 Marcus Camby scored 13 of his

win. It was the 19th loss for the Pistons and only their fourth against a sub-500 team. In fact, the Raptors (26-43) have the worst record of all the teams that have beaten Detroit this season. Camby added a career-high 14

rebounds, and Toronto also got 18 points from Doug Christie and 15 from Walt Williams. Otis Thorpe led the Pistons with 21 points. Hawks 107, Pacers 95

Dikembe Mutombo, playing for the first time since the hirth of his daughter, had 18 points and 18 rebounds to lead Atlanta to a home victory.

lead visiting Toronto to an upset

Mutombo's 35th double-double deficit. of the season helped move the Hawks within 2% games of Detroit for the fourth playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Steve Smith finished with 23 noints and Mookie Blaylock had 21 points and nine assists for Atlanta, which improved to 29-4 at home. Christian Lactmer added 18 points, Eldridge Recasner had 14 and Tyrone Corbin 11. Reggie Miller scored 18 points

for the Pacers and had his string of 11 straight 20-point-plus games .balted.

Heat 93, Warriors 91 (OT) P.J. Brown had three dunks in overtime and host Miami overcame a 15-point third-quarter

Jamal Mashburn paced Miami with 29 points, including six in be final minute of regulation, and Brown had 19.

Latrell Sprewell had 27 for Golden State. Mark Price added 24 and Joe Smith 18. The win clinched a playoff spot

for Miami, marking the first ime the ninth-year franchise has accomplished that goal in two consecutive years.

Timberwolves 95, Grizzlies 72 Host Minnesota ran off 20 unanswered points in the second quarter and led by as many as 29 down the stretch as they sent Vancouver to its 15th straight loss.

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# NCAA preview: Zwikker key to middle for Tar Heels Sampras, Graf

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) -Serge Zwikker hlushed when be was told Dean Smith characterized his improvement at North Carolina as remarkable.

"That's quite a compliment," Zwikker said this week as be prepared for tonight's NCAA tournament game against California. There may not be a more improved player in the nation over the last three seasons as the 7-foot-3, 273-pound senior, who has

gone from a backup center with not much of a game to an important part of the Tar Heels' lateseason run.

Zwikker is now a likely firstround draft. When he was being recruited, Smith saw something in him he looks for in all centers good hands.

Bob Knight once called me about a guy he had on his team and said, 'Have you ever tried to teach a guy to catch the ball?" That's why we recruit good hands," Smith said.

"I've always had confidence in myself that I would play," said Zwikker, a native of The Netherlands. "I knew that when I came here I wouldn't play right away because I had some great big men in front of me, I didn't expect to play. I just wanted to learn, get some experience, hit the weight room and I knew that if I would just wait my time, I would play. "But Rasheed Wallace came

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along and that kind of slowed me down

When Smith signed Wallace several years ago, it appeared Zwikker was destined to be a career backup. But Wallace was injured in the 1995 Atlantic Coast Conference title game, forcing of justice. Zwikker into the lineup during the NCAA tournament.

He ended up scoring 19 points in a first-round game against Murray State and the Tar Heels made it to the Final Four.

Then Wallace left for the NBA after his sophomore season. That meant Zwikker would be the man in the middle.

After a solid year last season, Zwikker made third team all-ACC in 1997 and has averaged 13.0 points and 8.0 rebounds during North Carolina's 14-game winning streak heading into the East Regional semifinals against the Golden Bears.

"We know that Zwikker has been scoring, and he's a hard guy to keep off the boards and a hard guy to defend," said California coach Ben Braun, whose team also has some pretty good size np front. "You talk about getting a hand up on shooters but it's hard to get a hand up that high. He's up there, it's tough."

Today's other East semifinal pits Texas against Louisville.

Providence-Tenn/Chattanooga ter than a 14 seed, I know that." Providence coach Pete Gillen Gillen is leery of the burgeoning Providence bandwagon filled likes to be the underdog, so even though his Friars are favored with fans who three weeks ago entering a final 16 matchap had written off the Friars as an against Tennessee-Chattanooga, NIT team when they ended the

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he won't admit it. regular season with three straight He said today's Southeast losses. Regional semifinal is between He frets that his talented-but-"two underdogs," and called the

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be, I'm not going to attempt to say

because I don't know." Gillen said

prior to his team's last practice

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confident against Chattanooga and 14th seeding for the Mocs (24-10) "probably the greatest miscarriage look ahead to a possible game against top-ranked Kansas for "I don't know what they should Providence's first trip to the Final

nothing for granted against the Mocs. "Our players have to realize that

unpredictable team will get overwe came off a great victory against Duke, hut we have to play another great team that doesn't have quite the recognition factor but they've got great players," he said.

The Mocs, only the second 14 seed to reach a regional semifinal, started the season 5-7 but have won seven straight, including tournament victories over thirdseeded Georgia and No. 6 Illinois. They feature forward Johnny Taylor (16.4 points, 7.2 rebounds) and guard Willie Young (14.2 points). One or the other has led the team in scoring for 17 consecutive games. Providence forward Austin

Croshere, who scored a career-high 39 points in the 81-59 victo-ry over Marquette, said the Friars respect Chattanooga. Gillen acknowledged he was "stunned" at how well his team

one of the nation's best defensive teams, and won 81-59.

Jerod Haase's back hurts. That only serves to take the Kansas guard's mind off his broken wrist. Point guard Jacque Vaughn has bronchitis,

Not the best news for the Jayhawks heading into tonight's Southeast Regional semifinal against Arizona.

"There's no way I'm not going to play that game," said Vaughn, who had a 100-degree temperature Saturday when he scored 12 points and had nine assists as the Jayhawks beat Purdue to advance to the round of 16.

"My back is tender, but it's getting better," said Haase, who was hurt in a fail early in the second half against Purdue. "By Friday, I expect to be 100 percent."

Both players were held out of practice before the team left for Birmingham on Wednesday.

The game with Arizona will be a rematch of last year's regional semifinal in Dallas against the Wildcats, falling on exactly the same day a year later.

Kansas pulled out an 83-80 win in that game as B.J. Williams had the finest day of his career.

Williams has played a small role this year for a Kansas team that stands 34-1, four wins from the championship that Vaughn and the other seniors on the team so desperately want.

But Williams, just like T.J. Pugh, Nick Bradford and Billy Thomas, knows his role.

We don't need any more scorers," he said. "We've got plenty of them. We need people to do the little things when they come off the bench. Sometimes it's small things like a box-out or take a charge. I'm having more fan than I've ever had, said Williams who scored 1g points the last time against Arizona.

nab top honors MIAMI BEACH (AP) - Pete Sampras took home the Player of the Year Award for the fourth consecutive year and Steffi Graf

took the women's trophy at the first joint ATP Tour and Corel WTA Tour awards ceremonies. The two tours combined their award ceremonies this year,

honoring outstanding achievement in professional tennis for. 1996. Graf was also named the Most Exciting Player.

Martina Navritalova received the David Gray Special Service Award for her contributions to the sport. "Martina Hingis and Britain's

Thn Henman received the most . improved players' awards. American Jennifer Capriati

and Frenchmen Stephane a Simian won the Comeback Player of the Year, and Jimmy Connors took home the men's Senior Player of the Year award. Dominik Hrbaty was named the ATP Tour's Player to Watch in 1997.

Among the other award winners were Australia's "Woodles," Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge, as the Doubles Team of the Year; and Alex Corretia of Spain as the winner of the Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award.

Four since 1987, when Rick Pitino

"Our guys make coffee ner-

vous," Gillen said. "They're won-

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Gillen, who took Xavier to

seven NCAAs in nine seasons

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MIDWESP (The Alassodome) Last sight: Minnesota (29-3) vs. Clemson (22-9), UCLA (23-7) vs. Iowa State (22-8), WEST (San Jose Arena) Last night: Uush (28-3) vs. Stanford (22-7), Kentucky (32-4) vs. St. loseph's (26-6) Regional Championship tomotrow – played agaiost Marquette. The Friars shot 77 percent and scored 50 points in the first half against

Kansas-Arizona

USING HIS HEAD - Hornets guard Ricky Pierce gets hit in the head hy a pass from Cavaliers guard Bohhy Phills during 3rd-quarter action on Wednesday. Charlotte won 90-72. (Rentr

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# Hussein slams troops Ben-Porat backs use of polygraph for not shooting killer

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AMMAN (Reuter) - King Hussein has told his army that the Jordanian soldier who gunned down seven Israeli schoolgirls last week should have been shot dead on the spot.

In a message sent to the armed forces before his departure for the United States today, the kiog also rebuked the soldier's superior officers for oot preventing his rampage

The atrocious incident... is one of the ugliest that we have lived (through)," the king said in a letter released yesterday.

"It is a mark of shame on all who were directly responsible for the perpetrator, and all who saw him in his act and did not kill him immediately," he said. "If there is any good to be

derived from his survival, then it may come from the inquiry that will nocover the causes that pushed him to render this distinguished service to all the enemies of the Jordanian armed forces," the king added.

King Hussein's letter was the latest expression of shame for last week's sbooting, but his remorse has not been shared by all Jordanians

Riot police bad to set op a roadblock on Monday to prevent dozens of sympathizers of the soldier, Ahmed Daqamsa, from converging on bis village io northern Jordan to pay respects to his family.

They said Daqamsa had been spurred on by a "burning rage" with Israel and said they were campaigning for a fair trial.

Villagers told reporters Daqamsa had become a local hero.

Many Jordanians are disillusioned that a treaty with Israel signed in 1994 bas failed to bring a promised "peace divideod" in terms of economic benefits. Plans to build on Har Homa and a smaller withdrawal from the West Bank than Palestinians hoped for have increased bostility.

Hussein warned the army to be vigilant to prevent "any treacherous or hateful agent from infiltrating our ranks to strike with our arms."

"We do not betray people with whom we have made peace," said the king, who last week visited Israel 10 offer condoleoces to the families of the seven victims.

State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat yesterday came out in favor of the use of polygraph testing for senior civil servants who deal with classified material.

By BATSHEVA TSUR

The polygraph examinations conducted by the General Security Service are reliable and essential and do not affect basic civil rights, Ben-Porat said in a report presented yesterday at a special meeting of the Knesset State Control Committee

"If there is a need to take a polygraph, then everyone concerned has to be tested," she said.

This was seen as criticism of the view of Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein, who has consistently opposed polygraph tests and who refused to take one before his appointment. Rubinstein refused to comment on the report.

On Tuesday the High Court of Justice is to hear a petition on the subject. The use of polygraphs also is being discussed by a public committee that is expected to present its findings shortly.

"There should be no discrimination between different persons on

# The 'truth' about the lie detector

#### By TOM GROSS

Former American cop Doug Williams believes lie detectors are "an insidious Orwellian instrument of torture."

"Governments are using a machine that is unreliable and people are being hurt every day," he says. "If you flunk the test you may be fired, your reputation will be ruined, and you may face criminal charges.'

Williams claims to have taught over 10,000 people to "sting" the polygraph since he quit the Oklahoma City police in 1979. "My clients come from all over the world," he says in an E-mail interview. 'At least a dozen over the past year have been from Israel.'

During a six-year sunt as a police polygrapher, Williams says be figured out simple methods to beat the lie detector. "I learned how to control every tracing on the chart. After that it was a matter of teaching people when to react and when to control a reaction."

A reaction that indicates deception is an increase in blood pressure, an erratic breathing pattern, and an increase in sweat activity on your hand. If you have a reaction like this you will be called a liar. There is often no appeal from this decision, even though in many tribunals oo other evidence need be offered.

"I maintain that any number of innocent stimuli - fear, rage, embarrassment, nervousness - can and do cause this exact same reaction, and many honest people are branded as liars."

this issue." Ben-Porat said yesterday. "[The examination] does not affect any civil liberties. If we felt this was so, we would appeal to the legislature to comment. We are oot doing so."

Senior civil servants who handle classified material have a responsibility towards the state and it has to be ensured that they are thoroughly vetted, she said.

"The right of the public in this case has priority over the right of

Ben-Porat cautioned that the polygraph cannot be considered a scientific tool that stands by itself, saying, "It is not an infallible liedetector." She stressed that it must be operated properly and its results assessed by experienced personnel.

"I want to stress that this is just one of the tools used. There is no foundation to believing that it is scientific," she said.

But, she noted, it is an important aid with a high degree of reliability.

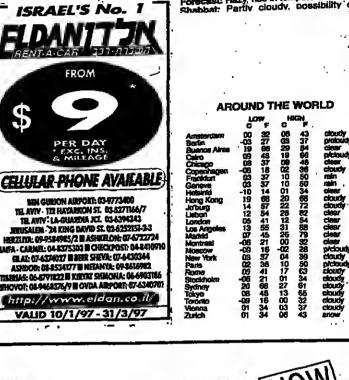
"I can't say that when I was a judge I didn't make mistakes. Sometimes someone looked so calm, but perhaps his heart was pounding. That the polygraph can

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President Ezer Weizman waves good-bye yesterday as he leaves Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem section, where he underwent hip surgery last week. (Brian Hendler)

# **New Jordanian PM expected** to improve ties with Israel

**Back in action** 

AMMAN (AP) - King Hussein's selection of Abdul-Salam Majali as prime minister is aimed al improving ties with Israel and speeding up economic reforms.

Majali, 71, a tough retired army general and a close confidant of the king, negotiated and signed Jordan's peace treaty with Israel in 1994.

As prime minister from May 1993 to January 1995, be cobbled together overwhelming parliament endorsement for the treaty despite legislators' hesitation over dealing with a long-time enemy.

Today, Majali faces a fencemeoding chore with Israel. Relations between the two nations have soured because of tension between the Palestinians and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Jordan also has strongly criticized the government's decision to go ahead with building at Har Homa.

Labib Kamhawi, a political science professor at Jordan University, said yesterday that Majali will take a softer line with Israel than his predecessor, Abdul-Karim Kabariti.

"There will be a softened policy toward Israel and Arab neighbors because Majali is not as confrontational as the former prime minister," Kamhawi said.

Kabariti, 47, was sacked in an unexpected cabinet sbakeup Wednesday, just two days before King Hussein's trip to the United States for talks on the peace process. Kabariti took office in February 1996.

King Hussein. in his letter of dismissal, told Kabariu he had not gone far enough with administra-

uve reforms. In an unusual public Netanyahu. criticism of a premier, Hussein also accused Kabariti of catering only to "your image in the media." Kabariti had pushed through unpopular economic reforms, such as eliminating state subsidies on wheat and fodder, which set off an August in poor areas in southern

Jordan. As he improved ties with Gulf Arab states, he also damaged rela-

ally and largest trading partner, turning the business community against him.

brother and Jordao's economic strategist, had publicly rebuked 1989. Kabariti's stance on Iraq as "noxious" to Jordan's economy, which is straiged by \$6.3 billion in foreign debt.

The Jordanian daily Ad-Dustour said yesterday that Kabariti's ouster also may have stemmed from bis mishandling the crisis that arose over the killing of seven Israeli schoolgirls by a Jordanian soldier at Naharayim last week. Government officials said Kabariti arrived late at the slaying scene and theo bitterly attacked Netanyahu on the phone for blaming the shonting on a harsh letter



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In appointing Majali, Hussein urged swift administrative and economic reforms and asked him to oversee "free and honest" parliament elections.

The new 24-member cabinet is dominated by liberal politicians outbreak of violent protests last and technocrats, including five holdovers from the previous govemment. There is one woman in

the cabinet. Majali, a physician, has held tions with Iraq, Jordan's one-time several ministerial portfolios in previous governments, including health and education. From a prominent family from the south-Crown Prince Hassan, the king's ern city of Kerak, he also served as personal adviser to the king in

By URIEL HERLMAN

Leah Rabin delivers harsh criticism against Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, President Ezer Weizman, and the right-wing establishment for fomenting the political climate that led to her husband's assassination, in ber new book Rabin: Our Life. His Legacy. published by G.P. Putnam's Sons

and due out April 1. In a combination of journal entries, private letters, and personal narrative, Rabin recalls her life with her husband and, while lamenting his death, wonders whether his legacy was in vain. In an excerpt published in Yediot Aharonot, Rabin writes, "Yitzhak, my dearest, they took you from me,

from us ... The business left unfinished by his death cries out for his

wisdom and perspective ... his clear head, his firm hand, and his pure heart." In her harsh judgment of Netanyahu, Rabin blames him for

presiding over rallies before the assassination at which Yitzhak Rabin was called a traitor and depicted on posters as a Nazi.

Unforgiving toward Weizman, Rabin comes down on him for his activities against her husband's bid for the premiersbip in April 1974. Weizman, then a Likud MK, leaked a story to the press about her hus-band allegedly having had a nervous breakdown in the days before the Six Day War.

The book also includes a tirade against "the rabbis, not teachers, at Bar-Ilan University, who provided the inspiration for the behavior that led to the murder."

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